



C.M. FINCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Good day CM Finch Families,

The start to school is quickly approaching. We wanted to provide you with further information about how we are planning to reopen our school safely in September. We appreciate your patience with us as we work with our school teams to ensure a smooth and safe start to the school year. In the coming days and weeks, as we collaborate with our staff and observe how our school is operating we will adjust our procedures as necessary.

Daily Health Assessment Requirements:

- All staff and students are required to complete a Daily Health Self Assessment prior to coming to school. The checklist is not to be filled out and brought in, but is a guide to make people aware of any symptoms of illness. **(Please find a copy of the Daily Health Checklist included).**
- If anyone is sick or has symptoms they are required to stay home.
- In the event of illness, staff and parents/caregivers (for their child) are recommended to seek further medical guidance by completing the COVID19 self-assessment tool, call 8-1-1 or the Northern Health COVID19 Online Clinic & Information Line (not the local health unit) at 1-844-645-7811. The virtual clinic will assess, arrange for testing if necessary, and report to public health.
- We will require everyone entering our building to hand sanitize, or wash their hands, respect the physical distancing requirement of staying 2 metres apart, and follow the direction arrows in our hallways.

Learning Groups:

- Students will be in age-based cohorts of up to 60 people, including students and adults. These cohorts will be able to interact with one another. Class sizes remain the same as normal, but cohorts could work together on projects etc. In the beginning of the year we will be using the cohorts mostly during unstructured times such as during recess and lunch playtimes. For example, the Kindergarten students will all be together on the playground for recess at a different time than the rest of the school. When the Kindergarten's are inside, they will be with their own teacher and classmates.
- To prevent cohorts from intermingling, we will have the students line up in their classes to enter the building, and there will be designated play areas for different cohorts on different days. (For example: Cohort 1 is on the playground/Cohort 2 will play on the field).

Daily Schedule Information:

- Supervision starts at 8:34am. School Starts at 8:49am. End of the Day Dismissal is at 2:50pm. After School Supervision Ends at 3:05pm.
- To help limit interactions between cohorts, we will have staggered times for recess and lunch. We are planning to have our Primary students go out for recess play time while our Intermediate students eat. When Primary playtime is over they will come in for their eating time, and the Intermediate students will go out for their play time. We will follow the same process for lunch time as well.

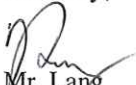
The First Week of School:

- The first day of school for Grade 1- Grade 6 will be on Thursday, September 10th, 2020. This is a partial day for students. Supervision will start at 8:34am, dismissal will be at 10:49am. (Friday, September 11th will be the first full day of school 8:49am to 2:50pm).
- Students will meet their new classroom teachers at an area designated by their teacher and will enter the school in an orderly fashion, limiting contact with students outside of their cohort group. The teacher will contact their students prior to the first day of school and introduce themselves and let them know where the class will be meeting.
- The first day for Kindergarten is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, 2020. We will be working with our Kindergarten teachers to develop a plan for a Kindergarten orientation of some sort prior to this date. We are excited to meet our new Kindergartens and are working to welcome them into our school community in a safe and positive way. Someone from the school will contact you on the week of September 8th, to give more information about Kindergarten start up.
- Many of the safety protocols will be similar to what we put in place for the school reopening in June. Students will enter the building in a structured manner and be required to wash their hands. We will focus on good hand hygiene and promoting physical distancing as possible. Parents and members of the public will not be able to enter the school, unless there is a previously scheduled appointment.
- Students will not be required to wear masks but are welcome to. Staff will wear masks or practice physical distancing in common spaces (hallways, etc.).

Provided is a link to School District 60's Covid-19 Safety plan <https://www.prn.bc.ca/resources/covid-19/>

We look forward to working with the children and families of our CM Finch School community this year. We recognize that this will not be a traditional start to our year. We are looking forward to working with the students, helping them grow, and providing them with a positive school experience. As always if you have any questions about our school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Mr. Lang
Principal



School District 60 PRN
Daily Health Check

Please perform a daily health assessment prior to entering the School / Building <small>* This checklist does NOT need to be submitted. This is a self directed assessment.</small>			
1. Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following symptoms?	Circle One	
	Fever	Yes	No
	Chills	Yes	No
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
	Shortness of breath	Yes	No
	Sore throat	Yes	No
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	Yes	No
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
	Headache	Yes	No
	Fatigue	Yes	No
	Diarrhea	Yes	No
	Loss of appetite	Yes	No
	Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
	Muscle aches	Yes	No
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Yes	No
	Dizziness, confusion	Yes	No
	Abdominal pain	Yes	No
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	Yes	No
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	Yes	No

If you have answered "YES" to any of the questions, **STOP** and please do **NOT** the enter building.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health care provider for further assessment. This includes 811, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.