



May 29, 2020

To All Parents/ Guardians,

Re: Return to in- class Instruction:

Last week it was announced that parents will have the choice to send their child(ren) back to school on a part-time basis in June as part of B. C's Restart Plan. The decision by the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer to restart schools is based on the science that shows it is safe to bring children back to schools on a gradual and part-time basis. Beginning June 2nd some of our students will return to school. Let us start off by saying how excited we at the JS Clark are to be able to see their faces. It has been a challenging time for everyone but as we move forward please be assured that your child's safety and our staff's safety has been at the forefront of all decisions made and we want you to feel confident sending your child back to us. To ensure the safety of you child(ren) we have created a comprehensive health and safety plan that has been put in place for welcoming the students back. Please find some helpful guidelines and information to help make this transition possible.

Before coming to school

Is your child ill or showing signs?

-runny nose, fever, persistent cough etc. If so, **PLEASE** keep them home.

If symptoms occur during the school day arrangements will be made to send your child home.

Please **DO NOT** arrive too early for school, as we will not be permitting unstructured play time outside before the morning bell.

The school will have restricted access. At this time **ONLY** students and staff will be allowed inside the building. Parents may wait outside of the school.

Please pack a lunch, healthy snack, and enough water for your child to last the day.

Entering the school

When arriving at the school you will notice cones or dots spaced appropriately. Please have your child choose a spot. A greeter will let your child know when it is their turn to enter the school. **ALL** students will enter through their normal door **except Mrs. Woodcock's room**. They will enter through the red doors by the back stairwell closest to the top playground.

Children will sanitize their hands upon entry. Arrows are hung in the hallway to direct children and as a guideline for distancing.

PLEASE NOTE * -If you arrive late your child must come to the front door entrance as the school doors will be locked.

During school

Students will be washing their hands or sanitizing before and after outside play, eating, washroom visits and as needed throughout the day.

Once in their classrooms, students will have an assigned area that maintains appropriate distancing. In this area they will keep their supplies and belongings. No supplies or food will be shared. Students will be working on the materials in their packages at school. They may also continue to access online programming at home.

There will be increased outside times (no physical contact sports), so please send your child prepared to be outside.

Physical distancing and proper hand cleaning will be stressed throughout the day. There will also be increased cleaning during the day throughout the school.

Dates returning to school – June 2, 3, 9, 10 and 16th

Drop off times for classrooms

Loe, Systad/Kay, Murrin – 9:00-9:10 a.m

Emmelkamp, Woodcock – 9:10-9:20 a.m

Pick-up times for classrooms

Loe, Systad/Kay, Murrin – 2:50-3:00 p.m

Emmelkamp, Woodcock – 2:40-2:50 p.m

Classes will be staggered over the lunch period for eating time and play time. Two classes (22 students) will eat in their own classroom while the other three classes (30 students) play outside.

The transition to in-class instruction is a voluntary option for families. Remote/online learning will continue. While we look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back into the school, we recognize this partial return to schools may be causing some anxiety and stress. We understand your concerns and will support you however we can. If you have specific questions relating to your child(ren)'s situation, please don't hesitate to call the school at 250 774-3145 to speak to me directly.

In the meantime, Thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and support.

We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

Jeanie Arva

JS Clark Principal

- **If you have chosen NOT to send your child(ren), packages will be available for pick up on June 1st as usual. Please book a time using our on-line booking system at <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/JSClark@sd81.bc.ca/bookings/> Your child(ren) classroom supplies will be with their package at this time.**