



August 27, 2020

Welcome Back Robertson Families!

Robertson staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on **Sept. 10th, for the 2020-21 school year.**

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong [Health and Safety Protocols](#) in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For Robertson students, parents and guardians, attached is a one-page document that outlines our School's COVID-19 Stage-2 Restart Plan. Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, busing, before/after school protocols, as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

Tuesday, September 8th – No School for Students

- COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocol training for Robertson staff.

Wednesday September 9th – No School for Students

- Robertson staff engaging in September start-up planning and organizing

Thursday September 10th – Partial Day for Students Grades 1-5 (8:25 – 10:25)

- Please arrive as close to 8:20 as possible
 - **Draft** alphabetical lists by grade level will be posted on outside doors and walls by 8:15 (please respect physical distancing while reading the lists)
 - students arrive and line-up in pre-assigned class on back field (as indicated by markers)
 - students are expected to refrain from physical contact while in line-ups
- 8:25 – teachers lead students into the school and to their classroom for the morning
- 10:25 – students will be led back to their line ups on the field for dismissal
 - Teachers will tell students where to line-up for Friday morning

Friday September 11th – First Full-Day for Students Grades 1-5 (8:25 – 2:20)

- Our regular school day is 8:25 – 2:20 with a morning warning bell at 8:23
- Please arrive as close to 8:20 as possible
 - students arrive and line-up as directed by classroom teacher on Thursday
 - students must refrain from physical contact while in class line-up
- 8:25 – teachers lead students into the school and to their classroom for the morning
- 2:20 – students dismissed through same door they entered in the morning

***Kindergarten families will be receiving their updated Gradual Entry schedule on August 31st.**



School Shirts

- Robertson students wear school shirts Mondays thru Thursdays
- Students are not expected to wear their school shirts the first week of school
- Shirts will be on sale outside the front of the school before and after school starting September 11th. Outdoor sales will continue until September 18th. After this time, please make an appointment to purchase a shirt for your child by calling the school at 604-795-5312
- **School t-shirts are \$8.00.** If this will cause financial strain for your family, please call the office.
- Students will start wearing their shirts September 14th (Mondays thru Thursdays)

School Routines

- We are asking families to arrive as close to the 8:23 warning bell as possible and depart immediately after the 2:20 dismissal bell.
- Students are expected to leave school property immediately after dismissal
- Our playgrounds will be closed before and after school but will be open during the school day. There is no playing on the playground before or after school.
- To minimize contact within school, ONLY students and staff will be allowed in the building at this time. All school doors will be locked after students enter in the morning.
 - Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those directly working with students (such as volunteers). We apologize for the inconvenience, but our school is closed to public walk-ins without an appointment.
 - Parents/guardians can contact the school office through phone at **(604)-795-5312**
 - School staff contact information is located on our school website.
- All staff and students will diligently practice recommended Hand Hygiene; this means they will wash their hands frequently during the day (e.g. each time they enter and leave their classroom, during activity transitions, before and after eating, using the washroom, etc.).
- Recess and lunch times will be staggered to minimize contact while outside and students will be expected to only play with their learning cohort/group.
- Drinking fountains are closed – students need to bring their own refillable water bottle which can be filled at our contactless water bottle filling stations.
- At this time, there will be no breakfast, recess or lunch food programs. Parents are asked to send all food with their child(ren). Students will not be allowed to share food items.
 - If this will be a financial stress for your family, please contact the school (604) 795-5312

Self-Isolation and Symptoms

Parents/Guardians, we are asking that you spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, that he/she/they remain home. Students showing symptoms while at school will be immediately moved to the school's Isolation Room and parents/guardians will be contacted for **immediate pick-up**. For this reason, it is imperative that we have your most current phone number(s).



- Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 OR travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and [self-isolate](#) , including children of essential service workers.
- For a list of symptoms of COVID-19, see the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#).
- Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results.
- Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) if you are unsure if your child should self-isolate or be tested for COVID-19.
 - If concerned, contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit to seek further input.
 - You can also contact your family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.
- Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has cold, influenza, or COVID-19 like symptoms, provided the student/staff is asymptomatic. It is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider.
- Students and staff who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19 like symptoms, which are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. If they experience any change in symptoms, they should seek assessment by a health-care provider.

We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify learning groups for the remainder of the school year, or as long as we remain in Stage-2 of the [Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education](#) for learning during COVID-19. Any changes to our initial class placements will be communicated with parents/guardians.

As we enter this school year, we will continue with the same pace and grace we ended last year. We know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are always open.

The purpose of this letter was to share some initial information. We realize you may have unanswered questions about September. If you have questions, please email either of us and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner!

Kind regards,

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