



RESTART PLAN

Saturday May 30, 2020

The following is a continuation of answers to frequently asked questions sent our way. The complete and comprehensive Restart Plan was sent to you last week and is also under the COVID-19 Tab on the front page of our website.

How will STA ensure the health and safety of students and staff?

STA will follow the direction of the Provincial Health Officer. These include limiting the number of students attending each day.

- The students will only enter the school on level 3, either at the office entrance and at the east side of the school.
- Students upon arrival will be asked basic health questions when they arrive to determine if they are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms. Provincial Health Office guidelines indicate schools do not have any role in further screening of students such as checking temperatures, or COVID-19 testing. Such activities are reserved for health care professionals.
- Students will then wash and/or sanitize their hands.
- Opportunities for frequent handwashing will be provided. Each floor has been supplied with a hand sanitizer dispenser.
- Students will be reminded about the basic steps they can take to keep themselves and others healthy and staff will model these behaviours throughout the school day... namely:
 - Socially distance themselves
 - Wash their hands frequently
 - Stay home if they are sick or have COVID-19 symptom

Who will be allowed in the school?

Only staff and students will be allowed in our schools.

- Parents/guardians will be asked to remain outside the school building and property unless they have a pre-arranged appointment.

What measures are in place to ensure schools are clean?

Our custodians have been hard at work with our enhanced cleaning protocols as outlined by WorkSafe BC.

- In addition to our regular cleaning protocols.
- Regular cleaning of common areas including disinfection of high contact surfaces (doorknobs, handrails, light switches) and washrooms will be cleaned at least twice a day.
- Desks will be sanitized by the teachers and students at the end of each class. Cleaning solution, rags and gloves are supplied for each classroom.

Will children and staff wear masks?

According to the guidelines provided by the Provincial Health Officer, wearing a cloth or homemade mask, particularly by children, is not recommended.

- However, wearing a mask is a personal choice and will be allowed if desired.
- Masks, if needed, are available in the office.

How will textbooks and school supplies be cleaned?

According to the Provincial Health Office guidelines there is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted via textbooks, paper or other paper-based products.

- As such, there is no need to limit the distribution or of books or paper-based educational resources to students because of COVID-19.
- Students will bring or have their own supplies (pens, pencils, calculators...) that will not be shared with others.
- Personal computer devices (not phones) are encouraged to be brought to school, but are not to be shared.
- If a student does not have their own computer, a limited supply of Chromebooks will be available for sign-out for the day. They will be cleaned at the end of each day.