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COVID-19 Updates to Health and Safety Plan

A genuine compliment to the entire community for supporting the school in mitigating the risk against COVID-19 in our school community. As you are aware, face coverings are now mandatory when inside buildings at school. The only exceptions are when eating or if an exemption has been granted. Please consider reading the [Health and Safety Q&A document](#) from the Ministry of Education. In addition to this, we ask for your continued support in adhering to the following procedures:

- Continue to frequently clean and sanitize hands throughout the day including upon arrival
- Maintaining 2 metres distance both indoors and outdoors where possible
- Signage is used throughout the school
- Seating is limited to three per table at lunch
- Students are encouraged to spend their breaks and eat their lunches outside as much as possible
- We are opening our windows in classrooms to maximize air circulation
- We are taking lessons outside where possible
- Students are welcome to bring blankets to school so they can comfortably sit outdoors. Our Grade 6s have brought their own folding chairs for outdoor reading
- Routine checks are being performed by staff to ensure we are all properly wearing masks
- Daily messages for students focus on relevant updates
- Daily health checks are required for students at home before departing for school. Should your child not be well, please keep them at home and inform the school.
- Please consider downloading the app for the daily health check <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/mobile>.
- Please note that any students that stay at home because of illness or a preference to be at home will not be considered absent for the day.
- All staff have daily, active medical checks, which require their signature each day upon arrival at school.
- Our air ventilation systems are from radiated heat and has all been checked to ensure it is safe.

Starting from next week, we are going to trial streaming our lessons from school where possible. This is similar to what we undertook last June. I have to emphasise that although we prioritize every students' learning, we cannot guarantee the same experience as what will be provided for those that attend school in person. For example, when lessons take place outside, it will probably not be possible to stream the lesson. Currently, the vast majority of our students continue to come to school everyday. Should families decide to keep their children at home, please consider joining the livestreamed lessons, checking Managebac for updates and e-mailing teachers direct if you are unsure of any requirements. We can promise that we will do our very best to support all of our students' learning and social needs.



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The main document guiding our procedures can be found
at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

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questions or concerns.