

## **Stoney Creek Community School – Phase 2 Return to School FAQ's**

Q: When will I know my child's schedule, who their teacher is, and where to do pick up and drop off?

A: The school will receive our final organizational approval from the district on September 8. The staff will then work to place students into classes; this process requires much consideration can take some time, but we hope to have this completed and communicated to families by September 9. Students in Grades 1-7 will attend on either September 10 or 11 for their health and safety orientation (see schedule from previous email). Regular classes will begin on Monday, September 14. Classes will not necessarily be set until we receive final approval from the district.

Q: Will September 14 be a full day of school?

A: Grades 1-7 will be in session for the full day; the Kindergarten gradual entry schedule is different and will be communicated directly to those families.

Q: Does my child have to wear a mask at school? Will teachers be wearing masks?

A: The Provincial Health Officer has said that students in Grade 6-12 and adults need to wear masks when travelling in the halls, in common areas, and when interacting with people from outside one's learning group. Students may choose to wear masks while in class, but it is not mandatory. Teachers and EA's may also choose to wear a mask while teaching but it not mandatory unless they are working with students outside of their learning groups (Learning Support, ELL, Teacher Librarians, etc.)

Q: How will students be able to be physically distanced while at school?

A: The Provincial Health Officer has stated that physical distancing is not an expectation while in controlled environments such as a school. We are organizing learning groups to limit contact within the school, limiting physical contact in classrooms, and encouraging good hand hygiene.

Q: What details do we know about the HVAC system in our school?

A: Please see the details outlined in the presentation by Terry Gomez our District Health and Safety Manager. MERV 13 are the filters used in the ventilation system and they are changed on a regular basis throughout the year.

Q: Will there be school wide outdoor teaching and learning activities?

A: At Stoney Creek, we have a tradition of engaging in outdoor learning across grade levels. It is up to individual teachers as to how this will look within their learning groups. Many of our classes have been utilizing our outdoor environment for learning activities.

Q: What kind of supports will there be for students experiencing fear and anxiety upon returning to school?

A: We will have a school counsellor on site two days/week. There are many mental health resources available for families on the school district website and in the community.

Q: If a child has a cough from allergies or another cause will they be required to stay home from school; will they have to get a test for COVID-19?

A: Students are asked to not attend if they have any of the symptoms listed on our health screening sheet (this was sent to families in a previous email). In this case, you are advised to call 8-1-1, public health, or see your family doctor for further advice.

Q: What happens if there is a case of COVID-19 in a school learning group?

A: In case of a COVID-19 diagnosis at Stoney Creek, we will take our advice and direction from the PHO, Fraser Health, and the Burnaby School District and advise our families accordingly.

Q: Will there be a threshold of cases at which the school will revert to remote learning like we did in the Spring?

A: This is a decision that will be made as events unfold and the Provincial Health Officer provides direction. At this point, the PHO does not have a threshold or a particular number.

Q: Will there be sports teams and school clubs?

A: No, we cannot mix students from learning groups.

Q: Will there be intermediate student lunch monitors for primary classes?

A: No, as we are limiting contact between learning groups. We will have our adult noon hour supervisors as we always have.