



École Central Elementary School Of The Arts

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Monday, August 31, 2020

Hello Central Families,

As you are aware, we have been working hard to ensure a safe return for our students. We understand that families and students may be anxious about coming back to school. Our staff is confident that we can restart safely. We apologize in advance for the lengthy letter as we had many items to share with you.

Adult/Parent entry into the school will be by appointment only as per the District Safety Plan and Central School Safety Plan. Parents who wish to meet with teachers or administration must call or email ahead. This is to restrict additional adults in the building as per the Safety Plans.

First Day Procedures:

School will begin for grade 1-grade 6 on **Thursday, September 10, 2020** with a partial day from **8:45 am to 10:45 am only**. We do not have enough physical space for parents in the school yard on the first day. We ask that all parents drop off their child on the sidewalk in front of the school to ensure we are keeping everyone safe.

Once the bell rings, we will have all the students line up outside by cones labelled with their grade. Primary students will line up by the primary entrance. Mme Côté-Aubin and Mr. Brooks will call out the students and their teacher will escort them into the school. Intermediate students will line up by the portables. The teachers will call out their students and then escort them into the school. Staff will circulate outside to assist students in this process. Dismissal on the first day will be at 10:45 am. Supervision will be provided to all bus students until their bus arrives to pick them up at the end of the day.

Friday, September 11, 2020 will be a full day for students grade 1-6. Students will be expected to line up by the cone with their teacher's name once the bell rings. Their teacher will escort them into the school. Students will practice and review safety protocols and become familiar with new routines. Please remember to pack a lunch, a water bottle and inside shoes. We encourage all families to label their child's belongings with a permanent marker to help them keep track of their shoes, lunch bag, etc.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students will be on a gradual entry. The kindergarten teachers will be calling all families on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September, 11 2020 to schedule transition visits. The transition visits will be on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15 2020 with a partial return on Wednesday, September 16 and full days for the remainder of the week.

Learning Groups/Cohorts: As per the Ministry of Education Restart Plan, our school will be working within learning groups or cohorts of up to 60 students including staff. A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school year and who primarily interact with each other. These students will be able to join together within the cohort for projects and activities like physical education (PE) or music. The cohorts will be grade groups. For example- our two grade 1 classes will form a cohort, our two grade 2 classes, etc.

Mask: Masks are not required for elementary students within their classes and learning groups. However, students who wish to wear masks, will of course be able to do so. Teachers and administrators who normally do not work strictly in a learning group/cohort will be required to wear a mask if they cannot social distance.

Safety Procedures: The School District Health and Safety Department has been working tirelessly this summer to ensure that all protocols and safety procedures are in place to keep students and staff safe. Each day prior to coming to school, parents will be expected to read through a daily health checklist with their child/children. All staff will also be required to read through it. This checklist is to be used daily to ensure that everyone that comes into our school is healthy. Any indication that a child or staff member is sick, requires the individual stay home. The check list is at the end of this letter/email.

Personal Hygiene/Handwashing: Handwashing stations are set up for students and staff and all will be required to wash their hands frequently, particularly when entering the building, before going to the library, the gym, or the computer lab. Water fountains will be available and we now have a water bottle filling station. We encourage all families to send a water bottle to school each day with their child.

Cleaning Regime: A daytime custodian will be present to clean high touch surfaces frequently including high touch surfaces, bathrooms and handles. Deep cleaning will occur after regular school hours.

Fees:

Agenda- Students grade 1-6 will be provided with an agenda for a fee of **\$10.00**,

Cultural Fees- Students K-6 are required to pay a **\$10.00** fee to offset the cultural events offered at the school.

iPads- All grade 6 students are required to pay a **\$30.00** fee for the iPad usage for the year.

Bell Schedule: To minimize the number of students outside at the same time during recess and lunch, we have slightly adjusted our bell schedule. Please see the new schedule at the end of this letter.

Bus Students: Students arriving by bus at 8:00 a.m. will be greeted by our bus attendant. Only out of town students will be permitted to take the bus. Across town students cannot take the bus at this time. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school if at all possible.

Dismissal: End of the day dismissal will be at **2:55 p.m.** Weather permitting, students will be dismissed outside to assist in traffic flow throughout the school. Please do not enter the school to pick up your child. Your child will meet you outside.

Canteen: We will be offering daily lunches for families to purchase. We will follow all Food Safe and Health and Safety protocols. Your child's lunch will be delivered to their classroom by our staff. We will also have extra items for sale each day. If your child forgets their lunch, we will provide them with one. Please watch for the hot lunch/canteen email. It will be sent to all families by next week.

Please see these links for additional general information.

Updates and resources from the district: <https://www.prn.bc.ca/resources/covid-19/>

School District 60 Safety Plan - <https://bit.ly/34C3stQ>

SD 60 K-12 September 2020 Restart Plan - <https://bit.ly/2QsUbyy>

K-12 Restart Plan - BC Ministry of Education - <https://bit.ly/2QsAQe8>

We look forward to seeing you all next week. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions or concerns. Our staff will work together to make sure your child feels safe and supported.

Sincerely,

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Bell Schedule 2020-2021

8:44 a.m.	Warning bell
8:49 a.m.	Bell to begin morning class
10:10 a.m.	Primary Recess
10:25 a.m.	Warning bell to return to classes
10:30 a.m.	Intermediate Recess
10:45 a.m.	Warning bell to return to classes
10:50 a.m.	Classes resume
12:05 p.m.	Lunch- Primary outside to play / Intermediate inside to eat
12:25 p.m.	Lunch- Intermediate outside to play / Primary inside to eat
12:45 p.m.	Warning bell for students
12:50 p.m.	Bell to resume classes
2:55 p.m.	Bell to dismiss classes for end of day



School District 60 PRN
Daily Health Check

Please perform a daily health assessment prior to arriving to school
 * This checklist does NOT need to be submitted

1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle One	
	Fever	Yes	No
	Chills	Yes	No
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
	Shortness of breath	Yes	No
	Sore throat	Yes	No
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	Yes	No
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
	Headache	Yes	No
	Fatigue	Yes	No
	Diarrhea	Yes	No
	Loss of appetite	Yes	No
	Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
	Muscle aches	Yes	No
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Yes	No
	Dizziness, confusion	Yes	No
	Abdominal pain	Yes	No
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	Yes	No
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	Yes	No

If you have answered “YES” to any of the questions, your child should not come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health care provider for further assessment. This includes 811, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

