



Fact Sheet: StrongStart 2020-2021

StrongStart is a free program offered by the province to parents and caregivers with children ages zero to five years old across BC. It is designed for early learning development.

Key information about StrongStart

- StrongStart emphasizes learning through play, language and positive social interactions
- It supports development of early learning and prepares children for kindergarten
- Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities
- Activities include telling stories and playing games
- It provides opportunities for children to make friends and interact with others of similar ages
- Parents/caregivers attend with their children
- Centres operate during the school year
- There are 19 StrongStart programs operating in elementary schools across Vancouver
- English as a first language is not necessary to attend

Specifics for 2020-2021 school year

- All Vancouver StrongStart programs will **re-open on Monday, September 21, 2020 on a sign-up basis**
- There will be **no drop-ins accommodated at any centres** for the time being
- 4-5 families will be accommodated each day at each centre for a 2-hour program, with one adult only per child from Monday to Thursday. This is to reduce physical contact and maximize physical distancing.
- Programs will vary a little centre-to-centre
- Families will receive more specific information about each centre from their program

facilitator

Please visit the District website for more detailed information, including registration, on the [StrongStart program](#).