



NOOTKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 2, 2026

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Families,

Welcome back! We are excited to come together again as a learning community and to welcome both returning students and newcomers to Nootka. We can expect happy, dynamic energy on **Tuesday, September 8 (first day back!)** as students reconnect, share stories of their summer, and find their classes.

FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Tuesday, September 8 is a shortened first day for students in Grades 1 to 7. School will be in session from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. only.**
- Beginning Wednesday, September 9, Grades 1 to 7 will attend full days from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Snack/Recess, 10:30–10:50 and Lunch, 12:10–12:55.)

***Kindergarten Students:** If your child is starting Kindergarten, please note that the Kindergarten gradual entry schedule differs from the Grade 1 to 7 schedule. The Kindergarten schedule was sent in June. If you require another copy, please contact the office at nootka@vsb.bc.ca*

INFORMATION FOR GRADE 1–7 STUDENTS

→ Returning Students (Grades 1–7)

Returning students will meet their teacher from last year at their usual outdoor gathering area.

→ New Students (Grades 1–7)

Students who are new to Nootka will meet in the library on the first day of school. They will be assigned to a temporary class with same-age peers until classes are finalized.

Until permanent classes are established, new students should continue to be dropped off and picked up at the library each day. They will spend the day learning alongside students in the same grade.

LATE RETURN & ABSENCES

If your child is expecting to return LATER THAN noon on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 and PRIOR TO Friday, September 25, 2026, please contact the office at nootka@vsb.bc.ca and we will send you a NOTICE OF LATE RETURN form to fill out. Due to high enrolment, the Vancouver School Board may fill vacant spaces with students from waiting lists after the first week of school.

As a reminder, Safe Arrival procedure through the school year is that, if your child will be arriving late or absent from school, please notify us by emailing nooattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Sincerely, Your Office Team:

Scott Hughes (Principal) & Angela Wakefield (Office Administrative Assistant)