

Welcome back everyone!

We trust that this short, initial message finds you all well and excited to start our new school year! We know that everyone has been listening and watching our local news and will be aware that we are once again starting up our school year with paramount consideration of everyone's health and safety. Our teaching and Building Engineers have been working and doing all that is needed to prepare for welcoming all our students back to in person instruction; we are eagerly anticipating seeing all our students!

We also encourage everyone to check the VSB website for updates.

Some important reminders:

Wednesday September 8th Grade 1-7 students attend **9:00- 9:45 a.m.**

- Gr. 1 – 7 students will start the school year in their last year's classrooms with the **following exceptions:**
 - **Ms Brodie (Div. 12) and Ms McClenahan/Greening's (Div. 14) former students will line up and get picked up outside the Library on the basketball court**
 - **Ms Sidoropoulos' former students (Div. 9) will line up and get picked up** outside Building A (nearest Oak Street) in the undercover area
- **NEW students to Carr will line up in the undercover area adjacent to the parking lot. There will be signs and staff outside to guide new families.**
- **NEW Kindergarten parents** have been sent separate instructions for their gradual entry
- We respectfully ask that all parents and visitors continue to drop off & pick up their children at their respective locations as established last year. When we move to our new classes, your child's new teacher will inform you of the new area for line ups.
- Same as last year, no one except staff or authorized visitors may enter any of Carr's five buildings

Thursday, Sept. 9th school will be in session full day 8:55 – 3:03 p.m. in the same classes as yesterday.

- Please ensure your children have healthy snacks and lunch
- Until further notice we will continue with many of the same practices and procedures followed last school year:
 - ALL students are encouraged to wear masks when inside the school. **Masks continue to be mandatory for grades 4-7** and for all adults on the school grounds. **Students in grades K – 3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks.**
 - All staff will wear masks except when alone, eating or behind a barrier
 - Students will continue to eat snacks and lunches in classrooms
 - Only Vancouver School Board staff are permitted in the school buildings
 - Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way

to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. You can download the app onto your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
 - [Android devices](#)
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- If symptoms develop at school, the Office will call you to pick up your child
 - Hand hygiene will be practiced and reinforced throughout the day
 - Staff will meet and dismiss their students at the outside entrances to their classrooms just as last year
 - We encourage families to drop off and leave the grounds in a timely manner to avoid congestion. Although the 2 metre of physical distancing signs are no longer in place, we encourage spacing to help all of our community members feel comfortable.

Thank you for your understanding as we strive to respectfully alleviate stress for families, students, and staff.