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September 1, 2021

Welcome back to school

We are so excited to be welcoming students back to Roberts Annex on September 8, 2021. We are hoping that you and your families were able to take advantage of many opportunities to be together with those you love and to make some wonderful memories during July and August. This letter to families is the first of a number of important communications that will come to you in the first few weeks of September as we prepare for the return of students and the new school year. Please ensure you have read and understood all the details and be sure to reach out if you have any questions.

As announced by the provincial government, the District is expecting a full return to in-person learning starting September 2021. We are looking forward to a year of learning, sports, music and other extracurricular activities in person.

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment. A variety of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures, as advised by health officials, will be in place again this year to help keep everyone safe.

Daily health assessments

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

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 on your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

If your child becomes ill while at school

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. To ensure timely pick-up, please consider including contacts that are close to the school.

Wearing masks

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students in grades 4 to 12 and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors while in school and on school buses.

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the District has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

Cleaning and disinfecting schools

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the district. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24-hours.

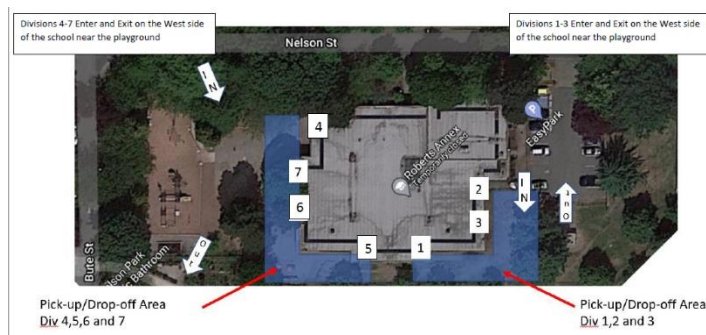
School Visitors

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, for classroom matters, please contact your child's classroom teacher for general school matters please contact the office. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

Keeping your distance

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways, in order to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

In order to reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Roberts Annex we ask that you **enter and exit through the assigned gates as you will see on the attached map** and to ensure you give other families the space they need to feel safe. Div 4,5,6 and 7 will enter and exit on the west (playground) side of the building. Div 1,2 and 3 on the east (parking lot) side.



Students will be welcomed into their classrooms and released at the end of the day using the exterior classroom doors. Please help to reduce crowding near the classrooms by standing away from the building and encouraging students to line up while they are waiting to be let into their classroom. School gates will be locked from 9:15am to 2:45pm daily. If you anticipate that you will be late for school, please call the school absence line (604-713-5159, school code 71) and bring your child to the main entrance where you can connect with a staff person who will assist students in making their way to class.

Ventilation

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing and upgrading filters, and setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

More information

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

Recess and Lunch breaks

At Roberts Annex, students will have 2 outdoor play breaks in their day. Eating of snack and lunch will occur in the classroom either before or after the play break. Recess will be from 10:40 to 11am and lunch will be from 12:05 to 12:52. All students go outside for the play time and should come prepared for the weather. Vancouver can be very wet in the fall so please ensure that your child has access to

good waterproof (not just water resistant) footwear and outer wear. Students need both hands to play safely so umbrellas must stay in the cloakroom during outdoor play. Please also ensure there is a complete change of clothes at school (socks, pants, shirt and underwear) labelled with your child's name in case of wet weather accidents.

First Week Schedule

There are some changes to the typical first week schedule this year. Please take a moment to note the days that students will be attending as listed below. Once student attendance has been confirmed on Sept 8, new classes and teachers will be assigned. At this time, we anticipate having students in Gr 1-3 assigned to their teacher for the 2021/22 school year on September 9/10.

Tuesday, Sept 7, 2021

- VSB In Service Anti-Racism Training Day **School closed to students**

Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021

- First (short) day of class for Grades 1-3 **Students return to last year's classroom (9-10am only)**

Thursday, Sept 9, 2021

- First full day of class for Grades 1-3 **Students return to last year's classroom.**
- Kindergarten gradual entry begins **Students attend based on grouping (see separate email)**

Dates of Note

Sept 24, 2021 – Professional Day

School Closed for students

Sept 30, 2021 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

School Closed (*new addition)

The beginning of the school year is both exciting and stressful for parents and students – transitions always are. Please be reassured that staff are already working hard to ensure that safety protocols are in place and that there will be lots of great learning opportunities for the exciting year ahead. We are looking forward to starting this new year with more ways to be together as a school community and can't wait to see you next week. In the meantime, relax and enjoy the last full days together.

Have a great week and enjoy each other,

Elyssa Derban
Vice Principal
Roberts Annex