



WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 57 (Prince George)

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to be able to welcome back students whose families responded YES that they wanted to return to school. This was information was gathered by families indicating YES on either the survey or by communication with their teacher. If you now want to have your child return to Westwood, we will be able to accommodate them on Monday, June 8, 2020. Please contact your classroom teacher to let them know.

We wanted to let you know what our on-site programs, starting June 1st will look like.

We will be having K-5 students attending on EITHER Monday and Tuesday or Thursdays and Fridays for a full day. We will be having Gr 6&7 students attending for a full day on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays or Fridays. Your teachers will be letting you know which day to attend. With all students, we will be consolidating class groups to ensure an appropriate number of students per room.

We will be continuing the programs in place to support individual students and for students of Essential Support Workers unless you are otherwise contacted.

The look of the day:

Before coming to school:

- You are expected to assess your child's health for attending school. If they have any Flu, cold, or Covid-like symptoms, then they are not to attend.
- Please let us know if your child routinely suffers from seasonal allergies. It will help up determine if they are well enough to be attending school.
- Students are to bring their work packages with them and any supplies they need. They should also bring a water bottle and snacks and lunch.
- Everything they bring should fit in a back pack.
- Please do not send any lunch items that will need preparation, help to open or heating.
- Please do not bring anything to share with others, either to eat or play with.

Upon arriving at school:

- School times will be the typical hours of operation.
- Each child will have a health check.
- Once inside, students will be washing their hands.
- There will also be frequent times during the day that they will be washing their hands.
- Students will be assigned a work space in one of the classrooms.
- Students will work individually with teachers and support staff to complete work from their work packages. The teachers will be there to assist the students and to assess their progress.
- Along with their Continuity of Learning, work packages, they will be spending time outside having some physical activity time.
- Students will be doing more individual activities than group activities.
- Students will be encouraged to keep a social distance and to not share equipment either in class or during playtime.
- Some personal play equipment will be available.
- Currently the playground remains closed.



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Should your child get ill at school:

- If your child reports or appears to be not well, we will contact you as per usual.
- In the meantime, your child will be moved to an isolated area and monitored until transportation home can be arranged.

At the end of the day:

- Students will be sent home at the usual time and take all their materials with them.
- The school will be deep-cleaned for their next day of attendance.

Health information regarding Covid 19

Part of the responsibility of parents is to ensure that your child is well-enough to be at school. If you have concerns, please take the Covid screening survey. It takes about 2 minutes to complete and is adapted from the screening tool found at <https://bc.thrive.health/>.

When children arrive each day, we will also be screening using the Symptom Self-Assessment tool.

1. Are you experiencing any of the following:

- Severe difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words)
- Severe chest pain
- Having a very hard time waking up
- Feeling confused
- Losing consciousness

2. Are you experiencing any of the following:

- Mild to moderate shortness of breath
- Inability to lie down because of difficulty breathing
- Chronic health conditions that you are having difficulty managing because of difficulty breathing

3. Are you experiencing any of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sneezing
- Sore throat/ painful swallowing
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell
- Headache or muscle ache
- Loss of appetite

4. Have you travelled to any countries outside Canada (including the United States) within the last 14 days?

5. Did your parent provide care or have close contact with a person with COVID-19 (probable or confirmed) while they were ill (cough, fever, sneezing, or sore throat)?



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6. Did you have close contact with a person who traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days who has become ill (cough, fever, sneezing, or sore throat)?

Once the daily health check is completed, students will wash their hands in the washroom and then proceed to the designated room. They will also be washing their hands just before leaving the building at the end of their sessions.

In addition to using the above screening tool, in order to ensure safety for all the students at Westwood, your child will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines. This will include maintaining a safe distance from staff and other students, washing hands regularly, and following directions given by staff members.

Please remember that although considerable steps are being taken to keep your children and the staff of Westwood safe, there is still a slight risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me by email (stdallalana@sd57.bc.ca) or by phone at the school.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Dalla Lana