



BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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Had!h! Yesterday you should have received a letter from the Office of the Superintendent explaining the delay to the return to school to Monday, January 10th. Next week, January 4-7, schools are only open for Essential Health Services (those in the field of Health Care) children, SD57 employees' children who are not old enough to stay home, diverse learners (those with a 1701 Ministry designation) and vulnerable learners.

Next week, staff will be using the time to implement the enhanced guidelines for K-12 students, make changes to schedules to accommodate staggered recess breaks, update the school communicable disease plan, create a plan for staff shortages to prevent functional closures (more information to come), and rearrange classrooms to utilize existing space and reduce crowding. Next week, there will be no formal instruction of new learning for any students, either in-person or at home.

Once we confirm staff and student attendance, we will develop a plan for the week. Depending on the number of students in attendance, students could be combined into multigrade groupings, not necessarily with their regular teacher. Primary students will be combined to a maximum of 20 students/teacher and intermediate students will be combined to a maximum of 24 students/teacher.

Busses will be running **on Tuesday, January 4th**, for Essential Health Service families. I will have further information from the District Transportation Department regarding the rest of the week sometime on Tuesday, and will communicate that info when I have it.

Over the next few weeks, staff will be modelling, re-teaching and implementing the existing Safety Protocols and Procedures, including:

- * encouraging vaccination (it is the best defence against COVID-19)
- * Daily Health Check done prior to coming to school (you can download the K-12 Health Check App)
- * wearing masks (unless your child(ren) have received an exemption and you have let the Principal know)
- * cleaning and disinfecting hands regularly (we will be going back to some hand washing expectations that were in place at the beginning of the Pandemic i.e. when you leave the classroom or enter a new space, before and after eating and using the washroom, before and after going outside, etc.)
- * emphasizing personal space

Visitors to schools will be limited to those people who provide direct benefit to student learning or well-being. Visitors must wear a mask at all times and follow all safety protocols while in the school. While our front door remains unlocked, please make an appointment with school staff prior to entering the school, as most meetings will occur virtually.

Unfortunately, I do not have any information on the rapid test kits, at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, at the school or via email. 250-963-7060 or kgreenfield@sd57.bc.ca

Sincerely,

K Greenfield

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