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Hadih Families,

The Ministry of Education and Health announced enhanced safety protocols are in place for schools effective Jan. 10, 2022. Schools are also to review existing best practice.

We ask you to continue to complete your child's daily health check prior to coming to school. Here are two areas to see the health checks; [SD57 daily Health Checks](#) and [BC Health Checks](#). Children stay home when they are unwell.

Masks are crucial in our school. Students should be wearing their masks prior to entering the school. Please ensure that your child has a good supply of masks and are fitted properly. We frequently see young students wearing adult masks. Students will be asked to wear their mask prior to entering the building.

We continue to have the same bell schedule. Southridge is fortunate to have outside doors that enter directly into classrooms. We are closing the playgrounds before and after school to limit the interaction of families on the school grounds. Zones or Areas of play have been created for recess and lunch recess breaks. Classes will be assigned a Zone / Area to play in for a week. We will rotate weekly.

Physical distancing is another safety protocol and we will continue to ask students to be aware of. They need to be respectful of other people's space to follow appropriate distancing guidelines. We have looked at the set up of classrooms to maximize physical distancing of students.

Students need water bottles – water filling stations are available and students will need a water bottle to ensure they are well hydrated throughout the day. We will ask students to put their masks back up immediately after drinking or eating.

We will review these enhanced safety protocols with our students and ask that you review them with your child(ren) as well.

Students will need warm clothing appropriate for winter weather. We will be trying to go outside as much as possible over the winter months and students need to be dressed appropriately for whatever the weather will bring.

How can you help

- Ensure your child completes a Health check every day
- Keep your child home if feeling sick
- Follow recommendations of the PHO
- Drop off your child close to morning bell 8:27
- Pick up close to dismissal at 2:27
- Contact Southridge if your child is away. You could also email us at infosrdg@sd57.bc.ca & your teacher about attendance.

How we can help

- Students will line up outside in their classrooms and will receive direction from classroom teacher on entry and exit to the building
- Reduce any congestion in common areas
- Reinforce Mask wearing and hand hygiene

Preventing Functional Closures

If the school is short staffed, we may combine classes. These classes will be a reasonable size. We have plans in place to ensure students could still attend. We also planned how we could redeploy Teachers, Clerical, Educational Assistants, Youth Care Workers and Principals.

Functional Closure

If we are unable to staff the school to ensure either continuity of learning or student supervision, the school will close. This will be done at the direction of the Superintendent's office. We would phone families of students in attendance, and ask them to pick up their child(ren). We would then assess staffing and communicate with families about what would be happening next. Communication would be done through email, Southridge and / or district website.

As of Monday we are open to all students and we welcome all of our students back.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times. We will work hard to follow Safety protocols for the well being of our students, staff and community.

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