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Welcome Back East Chilliwack Elementary!

The East Chilliwack staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10th, for the 2020-21 school year. We have missed you!

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong Health and Safety Protocols in place for students and staff and [a plan for returning to instruction](#). These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For East Chilliwack students and parents, we have created a one-page document that outlines our [COVID-19 School Restart Plan](#). Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, mask usage, busing, before/after school protocols, library/book exchange as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back for Grade 1-5 (Kindergarten families will receive a different email next week):

Tuesday Sept. 8th & Wednesday Sept. 9th

Students will not be at school these days. You will receive an email from the teacher of the Learning Group / Cohort that your student has been assigned to. While rare, it may be necessary to adjust classes due to enrollment. This email will detail what items your child needs to bring with them the first two days as well as where they will enter and exit the school. Students will not be rotating to different teachers/classes.

Thursday Sept. 10th (8:00 – 10:00 am)

Students are asked to line up at their assigned entrance that will be explained when a teacher emails them. They will be asked to go to their assigned hand washing station. Students will participate in activities to build community in their class and learn about COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols. Busses will be running this day.

Friday Sept. 11th (regular day of instruction)

Students are asked to line up at their assigned entrance. They will then wash their hands in their assigned hand washing station. Teachers will guide students through their schedules as well as school and classroom expectations.

We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify cohorts for the remainder of the school year.

Parents, we are asking that you spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, that they remain home.



As we enter into this school year, we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open. If you have questions about our plan, please reach out and connect over the phone, by email or book a time to meet in person at the school.

More information will follow next week for Kindergarten families as well as a more detailed overview of specific health and safety protocols for our school site.

Again, thank you for your patience and support. We will keep you informed of any updates as they happen. We are in this together, and we are going to do a great job of returning to school safely, calmly and kindly.

Mr. K. Chater, Principal