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Mrs. Tracy Wagner – Principal

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Welcome Back Vedder Bears! Our staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 2020-21 school year.

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 District Health and Safety Protocols <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/> in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

For Vedder Elementary students and parents, we have created a one-page document that outlines our COVID-19 School Restart Plan (see attachment). 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, bussing, before/after school protocols, library/book exchange as well as helpful links. Here is what you can expect our first week back:

### **Wednesday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

You will receive an email from the teacher of the Learning Group / Cohort that your student has been assigned to for the first week. This email will detail what items your student needs to bring with them the first two days as well as where they will enter and exit the school.

### **Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (8:04-10:04)**

- **Busses will be running. ☺**
- **Due to construction, parking is extremely limited! Please use the “green line” drop off zone in the front parking lot area. Staff will be available to assist your child from here. We got this! ☺**
- Students will line up outside their new classroom door, without coming into contact with one another
- Teachers will be at the classroom doors to assist and guide students
- Teachers will teach Health and Safety Protocols to students so they are safe and feel comfortable returning to school.
- Please note, at this time, **parents and guardians are not to enter the school** (this is for safety reasons).
- There will be staff outside to help guide children to the correct locations. If you are walking to the school, once your child is with their assigned teacher/line up, please try to leave the premises promptly.
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- **Students will dismiss from their new classroom at 10:04am.** Please have a pick up plan shared with your child so they know where to meet you. Grade 1 students will need a parent/guardian/sibling to pick them up from their teacher upon dismissal.

**Friday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (full day of school – 8:04-2:04)**

- Students will attend a full day of school
- They will enter the school via their classroom door.
- They will dismiss from their classroom door as well.
- Please provide lunch and recess snack for your child in containers that they can use independently.

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. (see attachment). 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.

Warmest regards,

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Vedder Elementary School



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