



NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

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Dear Notre Dame School Parents and Guardians;

I hope everyone has had a relaxing, fun and healthy summer holiday!

As I'm sure you are aware, the Ministry of Education has released initial plans for September's return to school. At this time, the Ministry of Education intends to begin the 2020-2021 school year in Stage 2, which is full time attendance in learning cohorts. I encourage you to read the information provided on the Ministry of Education website at www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school#health-safety.

I know many have questions regarding the first day of school for Notre Dame students. As you are likely aware, the Ministry of Education has suggested a delay to the start of school from September 8, 2020 to September 10, 2020. This delay will allow for orientation to learning groups, cohorts, health & safety guidelines and protocols that have been put in place following the Ministry Operational and Work Safe guidelines. Notre Dame staff will be ready and excited to welcome our students back on Thursday, September 10th.

While the Ministry of Education has provided some initial information for school planning, further information with specific details are still being released. As I receive further details and revised guidelines, I am writing Notre Dame School's Return to School Plan, which is due to the Ministry of Education for approval on August 21. Parents/Guardians can expect to receive Notre Dame's School's Return to School Plan on our school website by August 26th, and will also receive a copy in the mail. Included in the mailed package will be confirmation of emergency contact information, a revised and updated Parent/Guardian Handbook with a copy of the revised Student Code of Conduct, and a revised calendar with September 10th school hours. If you have moved over the summer or have a new mailing address, please contact the school via email at notredame@cispg.ca so we can be sure you receive the package.

We are building a social media platform for Notre Dame School using Facebook as another method in which information can be shared in a timely manner. I invite you to follow Notre Dame on Facebook at Notre Dame School. You can check out our [school website](#) for news on when the social media platform is up and running.

Finally, please know I understand these are different times for everyone, but know I am here, along with all the Notre Dame staff, to support your child(ren) and you on this 'new' educational journey. Reach out when you need to talk, to clarify understanding of what your child is doing, and/or when you have questions or concerns. I will respond to daily emails and/or calls. We have one special thing all in common, your child(ren)!

Thank you, in advance, for your patience and support as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,
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