



Immaculate Conception School

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Dear Parents,

I want to begin by thanking you all for your patience as our school begins the careful implementation of Phase Two of BC's Restart Plan, Stage 3 of the Education Plan as mandated by the Minister of Education.

In accordance with [BC's Restart Plan](#), on June 1, 2020, Immaculate Conception School will begin to offer part time **optional** in school opportunities for our students.

- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 5: 2 days per week, maintaining less than 50% density target
- Students in Grade 6 and 7: 1 day per week, maintaining less than 20% density target

"This will not be a return to normal. With weeks left in the school year, we anticipate many kids will not return to the classroom until September. But we are also exploring ways to safely get some kids back to school before the summer, to allow more parents to return to work." (BC's Restart Plan)

It is voluntary to send your child to school in June, a decision left ultimately to each family. Students will not miss any new material or be penalized for not attending. Teachers will maintain their online platforms. Teachers and support staff will be present to supervise students, who come into the school, however, your child (ren) may be placed in a class that is not their own with another teacher and/or support staff.

Following the guidelines of Work Safe BC and the Ministry of Education, Immaculate Conception School has developed measures and protocols to ensure the safety of staff and students. This detailed document will be posted on our website. It is important that parents and students recognize that school will be very different throughout the month of June.

The following is a brief outline of protocols and expectations that Immaculate Conception is implementing to allow for the optional return to school.

Health and Hygiene:

- Mandatory health checks at drop off time.
- Continuous hygiene throughout the day.
- High touch areas will be disinfected a minimum of twice a day, but a deep thorough clean of areas will only occur at the end of the day.
- Hand-washing supplies are available at all times (soap, paper towels, 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer).

- If a sink is not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer (60% alcohol) will be used.
- Physical distancing will be enforced as much as possible amongst students.
- Staff members will be expected to maintain 2m of physical distance.
- At this time, BCCDC specifies that PPE (masks, gloves) are not needed, beyond those used by staff as part of regular precautions for the hazards normally encountered in their regular course of work. However, staff and students may choose to wear masks and gloves while in the school.
- Access to the school building will be limited to staff and students in attendance.
- Any students who present symptoms of the common cold (runny nose, sneezing, etc.), influenza, COVID-19, or other respiratory diseases are immediately moved to the sick room and the parent / caregiver is contacted for immediate pick up. Parents / Caregivers must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases and their symptoms have resolved.

School Day:

- The day will begin at 8:45 and end at 2:50 for the month of June. Students must wait at the front glass doors with their parents. There will be no morning supervision and students will not be allowed to play on the playground equipment at this time.
- Busing service will not be offered.
- Students who are attending must come in their school uniform.
- Staggered drop off and pick up times may be required depending on the number of students.
- Parents are to drop off and pick up their children at the front glass door. There will be marked places for families to stand to allow for physical distancing. A health check will be mandatory each day at drop off. Students will be brought out to the front doors at the end of the day by a staff member.
- All students will be met by a staff member who will take them to wash their hands before entering their assigned classroom.
- Students must follow the designated arrows on the floor to direct traffic flow.
- Students will be assigned to a classroom. They may not be with their classmates or even their classroom teacher.
- All students who will be coming into the school, must bring their own supplies (pencils, calculators, erasers, crayons, etc) to complete their assigned online activities. They are encouraged to bring their own toys and or games, as students will not be permitted to use any that belong to the school, as per health regulations at this time.
- Students will remain in an assigned classroom and/ or desk for the duration of their day at school.
- Students may have access to the field, under supervision, however, contact games or games involving the use of hands are not be permitted.
- Students are to bring their own food and water to school for the day as access to water fountains, or any other shared item is not permitted.
- Educational Assistants who have worked closely with students, are required to maintain their physical distance. The individual support your child (ren) has been accustomed to receiving may look different.

Once you have read the above information, please complete a parent survey [HERE](#) by Friday, May 22, 2020. It is critical to our planning that all families complete the survey. Any families who do not complete the survey will be contacted on Monday, May 25. This information will be used to help create a schedule for families choosing to participate in the optional in class supervision in June.

If you have questions or would like further information please email Mrs. Barth at kbarth@cispg.ca

Thank you very much for your understanding and patience throughout this time. We appreciate all you have done to support your child (ren)'s learning.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Barth".

Mrs. K. Barth
Principal