



Decker Lake Elementary School

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Hello Decker Lake Parents & Guardians

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back and update you on how Decker Lake will implement the District #91/Ministry of Education "Start-up Plan" starting on Monday, June 1st.

Last week, all parents were contacted and asked about their plans for their children for the June 1st return date. To date, 44 Decker Lake learners have indicated that they would like to return. Those families who have requested transportation should hear from bussing and/or their teacher by the end of this week.

For those children attending, the routines of school will be very different. Before school starts, students will be required to line up in a socially distanced fashion outside the front door. They will be met at the door by an adult and asked how they feel. Any perceived illness (coughing, sneezing, runny nose or fever) will result in the student being isolated and a parent being called to pick up their child. Bus students will be assessed as they step on the bus. If they are perceived to be in any way ill, they will not be allowed to ride the bus that day.

In order to preserve the health & safety of the employees in the building, students will be expected to maintain a 2 metre (6 foot) distance from any adult unless there is an emergency. When entering or leaving the building, or transitioning between activities, students will be expected to wash their hands with soap and water. Recess and lunch breaks will be staggered for class groups with fewer students outside to preserve social distancing and giving the opportunity for an extra cleaning during the day. Weather allowing, any physical activity will be held outside with only minor activity in the gymnasium.

While these measures are in effect, we would like to respectfully request your cooperation with the following procedures:

- Teachers will contact you with the scheduled days available for your learner. **Please do not bring/send your child to school on a non-scheduled day as they will be sent home.** Our front door will remain locked throughout the day to preserve security. If you need to contact the school, please phone ahead (250-698-7301) to make arrangements

- Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) at the bookends of the day (8:45 am and 2:45 pm). The building will not be accessible before or after these times. If required by their schedule, bus students will be supervised in the playground area before & after school.
- If your child is sick, please do not send him/her to school. If your child falls ill throughout the school day, we will isolate them and contact you to come and pick them up right away.
- If possible, have your child bring his/her indoor shoes and send a water bottle with your child because the water fountain will be disabled.
- Ensure that your child is dressed in layers appropriate for the weather conditions as the students will be going outside multiple times throughout the day.
- Personal games, toys, stuffed animals, should not be brought to school as these items cannot be easily sanitized and will not be allowed.
- If you need to access the school for a special circumstance, please phone the school office to arrange a time to access the main door entrance. Visitors will be expected to wait in the outer entrance until we can accommodate you

By working together, we can ensure a safe and healthy environment for your child and the DLES staff. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the service provided for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school (250.698-7301), on my cell (250.251-0665) or by email:

dwatt@sd91.bc.ca

Respectfully,

Dylan Watt
Principal