



SD8 Kootenay Lake
Brent Kennedy Elementary
**Return to School Plan September
2020**



Brent Kennedy
Elementary

Four Guiding Principles during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families, and staff.
 2. Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers.
 3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
 4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.
 5. Promote positive relationships and keep students at the centre of our learning.
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1. Learning Groups & Timetable

- When students arrive the first week teachers will go through an orientation of all the following procedures and the health and safety guidelines.
- There are 5 learning groups (cohorts) at Brent Kennedy Elementary School. 2 classes together will be a group of learners that can interact together still following the health and safety guidelines. These learning groups have been combined by grades. Learning groups will be announced the first week that staff is back, with class assignments and confirmations of registrations.
- Health and safety guidelines and protocols that have been prescribed by the Ministry of Education and the Public Health office are in place at Brent Kennedy.
- **Kindergarten students** will begin with a two-week gradual entry. Families of registered Kindergarten students will be contacted by the school and information will be sent home with specific details to scheduling.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

- When students arrive at school, they will be asked to go directly to their line-up outside of their classroom.
- At the bell times teachers will greet their class and lead them into the building through their classroom doors (as in June).
- The school grounds have been divided into three zones- North Field/Forest, South Field/Forest, Primary playground/East side of school grounds
- Schedule will be rotated through each outdoor group.
- There will be a 10-minute time frame between recess groups and the transition outside to inside.

- Each class will continue to be supervised during eating time, in their classroom.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:40	Bell				
10:20-10:35	Primary Cohorts outside (A,B,C)				
10:35-10:45	Transition coming in and going out				
10:45-11:00	Intermediate Cohorts Outside (D,E)				
	Class time				
12:00	Intermediate Cohorts eating inside Primary cohorts outside play (A,B,C)				
12:40	Primary Cohorts Eating, Intermediate cohorts outside play(D,E)				
1:20	bell				
2:35	end				

3. Movement Through the Building

- Teachers will greet their class and lead them into the building through their outside classroom doors.
- Students and staff will be permitted in the hallways but this will be monitored as to provide social distancing between learning groups. Students will access the washrooms as before, but will be limited to two in the washroom at any given time.

4. Health and Safety

- All visitors (including all parents) must make an appointment with the Principal and sign in/ out with the secretary. They must wear a mask and complete the health & safety check.
- Handwashing or hand sanitizing will continue to be a daily part of expectations: upon entry to school, before and after eating, before and after using the washroom, before and after going outside.
- Non-medical masks are required to be used in situations where a person cannot maintain physical distance and is in close proximity to a person outside their learning group. Our school will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes ill at

school. Masks are not required for younger elementary; however, we strongly encourage everyone to wear one.

- Middle and Secondary students are required to wear a mask on the school bus. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons
- **Anyone feeling ill must stay home.** This includes all staff and students
- Should a child become sick while at school, that person will be escorted to our sick room and Parents/guardians will be called to pick up their child.
- Students are expected to follow the school code of conduct.

5. Transportation

- When students arrive at school, they will go to their assigned classroom line-up. This will be communicated before the first day of students on site.
- Students being dropped off or walking to school, are to arrive no earlier than 8:30 am.
- At the end of the day, teachers will lead their class outside through their assigned entry/exit doors. Students walking home are to leave immediately. Students being picked up by parents, need to be ready for pick up as soon as possible at the end of the day. Parents are to wait outside, socially distanced
- Bus students will gather at the front of the school and wait for their assigned bus. Students will need to line up and be socially distanced.
- All bus students must be registered to ride the bus and cannot change or hop on another bus.

We understand that this is an extraordinary time and that the information you are receiving may be overwhelming. Please take your time to read through the information and stay up to date with the latest Provincial and District news by visiting our district website at www.sd8.bc.ca.

I am very confident in the work the province has done, what the district has done and is doing, and our school plans to get back to in class learning.

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