



SD8 Kootenay Lake

Jewett School Return to School Plan September 2020

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.

The Ministry of Education has released detailed plans to support the safe return to in class learning. Please look at the SD8 website under 'NEWS STORIES'.

The following are the ways in which Jewett School is planning for the successful return of our students and implementing the Public Health guidelines. It is meant to give you a picture of the day, some newer routines and expectations, and to let you know that we are and will be ready for your children.

1. Learning Groups & Timetable

- When students arrive on September 10th, the teacher will go through an orientation of all the procedures and the health and safety guidelines.
- There is just one learning group at our school. (Learning groups must be fewer than 60 people, and you know that we will be under 20 this year) This means that students and staff will be able to interact with each other while following the health and safety guidelines.
- Our school is looking spotless and we are set for the processes put into place that follow the health and safety guidelines of Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Education.
- Because our school has only one Learning Group, we will be able to stay with our usual routines and bell times.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

- School bell schedule:
 - 7:55 am to 2:01pm
 - Recess is from 10-10:25
 - Lunch from 11:50-12:30

3. Movement Through the Building

- Students will enter through their regular door and hang their backpacks and coats on their hooks, which are nicely spaced out.

4. Health and Safety

- All visitors (including all parents) must make an appointment with the Principal ahead of time. I will work with the head teacher to coordinate visits. Visitors must wear a mask when in the building and complete the health & safety check.
- Hand washing and sanitizing station protocols will be posted in the class and the entrances will have a table with hand sanitizer on it.
- Handwashing or hand sanitizing will continue to be a regular part of school expectations: upon entry to school, before and after eating, before and after using the washroom, before and after going outside.
- If a child becomes sick, their parents will be called to pick them up. They will wait in a room designated as a medical room with someone who will make sure they are comfortable and supported.
- 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. Masks are not required within learning groups; however, we strongly encourage everyone to wear one.
- Our school will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes ill at school.
- Students in grades 6-12 are required to wear a mask on the school bus. Students in Kindergarten to grade 5 are not required, but strongly encouraged to wear a mask on the 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.

5. Transportation

- The day will start with bus students arriving as per bus schedule. Students will line up with their class when the bell rings, as is the usual process. 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 7:50 am.
- Please do not forget to register your child to ride the bus on the district website (this must be done every year).
- We ask that you do not change your child's bus plan from the one you registered.

Dismissal

- Students walking home or getting picked up are to leave the school grounds by 2:10.

As always, please reach out if you have questions. I was so impressed with how smooth and comfortable it was in the spring when we welcomed students back to SD8 and I am confident it will be the same.

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