



Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Capilano Littlest Ones Response: BC's Restart Plan

May 26, 2020

Dear Families,

As a precautionary measure in context of COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, on the advice of the Provincial Health Officer, suspended in-person instruction in public and independent K-12 Schools effective March 17th, 2020. In response Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw closed the school to in-class instruction for students, and moved forward with a continuity of learning plan to support at home learning. During this time, staff continued to work in shifts on site to prepare learning packages, and to provide in school support for children of essential service workers, and students who required additional supports. Having students in the school during this time, required screening of health daily, washing hands and adhering to strict cleaning protocols all while having fun, playing games and learning guided by staff. We recognize that learning, instruction, expectations and assessment, needs to evolve in ways that support this new reality we find our selves in. We are continuing to move forward in a thoughtful, responsive and flexible approach, informed and guided by the First Nations Schools Association, Ministry of Education and Vancouver Coastal Health and our Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Purpose, Vision and Values.

Starting May 19, school districts and independent schools were expected to gradually resume regular operations and return to in-class instruction using a staged approach. Between May 19th and May 22nd, our teachers reached out to families with a survey to learn of the intentions of having children return to school, about transportation needs and to learn of any presenting concerns.

Our plan moving forward:

On June 1 we are moving to Stage 3 of **BC's Education Restart Plan**. Families will have the choice to bring their children back to class on a part-time basis for the remainder of the current school year. We will be providing partial return to school for K4-G2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12 pm. While at school, students will be provided with break time snacks and drinks. Teachers will be confirming with parents this week, of staggered drop off and pick up times, in addition to designated spaces for drop off/pick up at the school. At this time parents are asked to transport their children to school, unless other arrangements have been made. Parents can expect to complete a health screening for their child each day when arriving to school.

For our little ones continuing learning at home, parents will be notified by their classroom teacher/s if adjustments have been made to classroom meetings on zoom or any changes to learning package delivery or pick up.

If a parent has changed their decision after June 1 and would like to have their child return to in school instruction, we ask that you contact the classroom teacher or office to inform them of changes to previous plans, a day prior to returning. We look forward to your little one returning to class and need to ensure that we are fully prepared to accommodate their return with staffing and physical distancing requirements.

K-12 Education Restart Plan: The Ministry of Education has a five-stage approach for resuming in-class instruction in a measured way to align with BC's Restart Plan. Each Stage will be guided by health and safety guidelines, measures, protocols and orders as well as the principles developed for continuity of learner during the pandemic:

- Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees
- Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers (ESWs)
- Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance
- Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students

STAGE 1 SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS 100%	STAGE 2 SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-7: 100% Grade 8-12: 40%	STAGE 3 SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-5: 50% Gr. 6-12: 20%	STAGE 4 SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-12: 20%	STAGE 5 SCHOOL DENSITY TARGETS K-12: 0%
In-class instruction: K-12: 5 day per week	In-class instruction: K-7: 5 days per week Grade 8-12: 2 days per week ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports Remote/online instruction: Balance of learning	In-class instruction: K-5: 2 to 3 days per week Gr. 6-7: 1 day per week Gr 8-12: 1 day per week ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports Remote/online instruction: Parent/Guardian choice to return to in-class instruction optional Balance of learning	In-class instruction: K-12: Limited ----- 5 days per week available for: ✓ Children of essential service workers ✓ Students with disabilities/ diverse abilities ✓ Students who require additional supports Remote/online instruction: K-12: Majority of all students	In-class instruction: K-12: None ----- Suspend all in-class instruction for all grades and students ----- Remote/online instruction: K-12: All Students