



# Clinton Elementary School

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Dear Clinton Community,

Thank you for all your support during this challenging new transition back to school. We welcomed backed primary and intermediate students this week who chose the return to school option generated by the Burnaby School District Survey. We shared the new way of interacting at school with safety protocols, staggered recess & lunch, entrance and exit doors, washing hands and hallway interactions.

There are a few things I would like to further discuss for next week:

- Students who are late will need to enter from the Buller Street entrance door. Parents must wait with the child until a staff member greets you at the door. You will be asked the Health survey questionnaire before you are brought to class. Since the process has become so intense as far as staff support, we are asking parents to make every effort to be on time to minimize transitions, time and disruptions to an already challenged new way of work.
- Lunches; **please make sure your child comes to school with a lunch. Please refrain from dropping off lunches for students or taking your child home for lunch.** If you must take your child home then the transition requires a child being brought to the office, signed out and then signed back in to allow for tracing of students. This process will be an extreme strain on the school during this difficult time. Take this as a great opportunity to teach independence to your child by helping students make their own lunches and being responsible to pack and prepare for themselves.
- Staggered starts and endings: your classroom teacher will co-ordinate with other teachers and classrooms using specific exits for intermediate and primary classrooms. A staggered start will be from 8:50 - 9:00 am for specific doors, even though the bell will only ring one time at its usual time. The end of day will follow the same process.
- A gentle reminder that if your child is sick or someone in your family at home is sick, to keep your child home for precautionary measures. If you are unsure yourself call 811 and involve the health authorities, so you can follow the process set out to protect everyone. Return to school protocols and processes are set out by the health authorities and support schools with information about cases and tracing where needed. This is all done in the support of eliminating this unusual illness.

Please be safe in your interactions with friends and families, enjoy your time together, practice social distancing and wear a face mask where-ever possible.

Sincerely,

Claudio Bortolussi,

Principal, Clinton Elementary School