



August 2020

Welcome Back LME Families!

LME staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10th, for the 2020-21 school year.

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong [Health and Safety Protocols](#) in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For LME students and parents, included is a one-page document that outlines our COVID-19 School Restart Plan. Here you will find important information regarding cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, busing, before/after school protocols, as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

Tuesday, September 8th – No School for Students

- COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocol training for LME staff.

Wednesday September 9th – No School for Students

- LME staff engaging in September start-up planning and organizing
- Families will receive an email or phone call from one of our staff members to inform you of your child's teacher (learning group) and where their designated line up spot will be.

Thursday September 10th – Partial Day for Students Grade 1-5 (8:20-10:20)

- Please arrive as close to 8:15 as possible
 - students arrive and line-up with designated teacher (learning group) (please practice physical distancing)
- 8:20 – students enter school and go to their class (learning group)
- 10:20 – students dismissed through same door that they entered in the morning

Friday September 11th – First Full-Day for Students Grade 1-5 (8:20-2:12)

- Our regular school day is 8:20-2:12 with a morning warning bell at 8:15
- Please arrive as close to 8:15 as possible
 - students arrive and line-up at their designated class (Learning Group) line up spot (please practice physical distancing)
- 8:20 – students enter school and go to their class (Learning Group) for the day
- 2:12 – students dismissed through same door that they entered in the morning

School Routines

- We are asking families to arrive as close to the 8:15 warning bell as possible and depart immediately after the 2:12 dismissal bell.
- students are expected to leave school property immediately after dismissal
- Our playgrounds will be closed before and after school but will be open during the school day. There is no playing on the playground before or after school.



- To minimize contact within school, **ONLY** students and staff will be allowed in the building. All school doors will be locked after students enter in the morning.
 - Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g. school staff, public health nurses, meal program volunteers, etc.).
 - When needing to contact school staff, parents/guardians are asked to contact the school office through phone at (604)-792-0681 or by email at lme@sd33.bc.ca.
 - School staff contact information is located on our school website under “[Staff](#)”.
- All staff and students will diligently practice recommended Hand Hygiene; this means they will wash their hands frequently during the day (e.g. each time they enter and leave their classroom, during activity transitions, before and after eating, etc.).
- Recess and lunch times will be staggered to minimize contact while outside. We will send out more specific schedule details next week.
- Drinking fountains are closed – students need to bring their own refillable water bottle which can be filled at our contactless water bottle filling stations.
- We will be able to provide our breakfast and lunch program for those students who need support in this area. Students will not be allowed to share food items.

Self-Isolation and Symptoms

- Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 OR travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and [self-isolate](#), including children of essential service workers.
- For a list of symptoms of COVID-19, see the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#).
- Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has a cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results.
- Those unsure if they or a student should self-isolate or be tested for COVID-19 should be directed to use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#).
 - If concerned, they can be advised to contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit to seek further input.
 - They can also be advised to contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.

We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify learning groups for the remainder of the school year, or as long as we remain in Stage-2 of the [Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education](#) for learning during COVID-19.

Parents/Guardians, we are asking that you spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, that he/she remain home. Students showing symptoms while at school will be immediately moved to the school’s **Isolation Room** and parents will be contacted for immediate pick-up.

As we enter this school year, we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open. If you have questions about our plan, please reach out and connect with either of us over the phone, by email or book a time to meet in person at the school.



**Little Mountain
Elementary School**



**Chilliwack
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Warm regards,

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