

Eaton Arrowsmith School Vancouver September Restart Plan:

August 26th, 2020

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Last week, we submitted our intended restart plan to the Federation of Independent Schools (FISA). FISA has reviewed our plan and submitted it to the Ministry of Education on our behalf. The following information is for our EA community outlining our intended plan following recommendations and requirements from the Ministry of Education, BCCDC, health authorities, and Worksafe BC.

First Day of School:

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. All onsite staff (and any additional staff) will have reviewed and be well versed in all the BCCDC, WorkSafeBC, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education guidelines, our school's health & safety plans as well as the school's policies and procedures.

Summary of safety / cleaning protocols for 2020/2021 school year:

- Cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas a minimum 2 times per day
- Visual reminders around the school to physically distance whenever possible, including areas with maximum capacity (washrooms).
- Hand hygiene stations are in every room and in common areas, as well as the entrances to the school
- New daily schedule allowing for adequate time for hand washing
- Physical changes to classroom organization to maximize use of space and provide individual workstations
- Parents will be provided with a screening /self assessment check list and will be expected to screen their children daily before bringing them to school (screening form and information on this will be sent to families before the start of school)
- Staff check in with students prior to entering the school premises
- We will provide sanitizer before entering or exiting the school
- Updates to our illness policy and handwashing policy (the most current versions are posted to our website here: <http://www.eatonarrowsmith.com/policies-and-procedures/>)

- New isolation procedures and plans are in place for if a child or staff member begins to show symptoms at school
- We have requested more frequent air filtration changes
- Visitors are limited to the school, and all visitors are required to wear masks while in the space if students are present and to confirm before entering the school that they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19

Learning Groups / Cohort:

- As our school is under the maximum cohort size of 60 students and staff in stage 2, minimal adjustments are needed for implementation of learning groups.
- Our curriculum and programs are not expected to change due to the learning group / cohort requirements
- Should staff from other sites be present at our school, they will be asked to physically distance, and wear a mask when interacting with anyone in the cohort in space that they cannot physically distance.

Continuity of Learning (should Ministry stage switches be required):

- While we expect to be able to continue to offer our in-person classes in stages 1-4, particularly because our student body is small and our students all have diverse abilities / disabilities, we are prepared to pivot quickly should this be required.
- All classes will be set up on Microsoft Teams to provide continuity of learning for students who are learning from home if we are required to or if students are required to self-isolate.
- We have scheduled class times where students will practice remote learning skills to help prepare them for a smoother transition to online learning, should this be required.

Communication Plan:

- We will continue communicating with families with the latest updates, and we will flag important information for you to review with the language “For Information” and action items “For Action”.
- Any information about active cases in our school community released to the public would need to go through the public health office, not the school.

This summarizes our intended restart plan submitted for approval by the Ministry of Education. We should have confirmation by the end of this week to know if it has been approved or whether further changes need to be made. We will keep you updated.

Guiding documents:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf>

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school/five-stages-framework>
- <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/education>
- <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/childcare-schools>

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