



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Chase River families,

We are very excited to be welcoming our new and returning students to the Chase River community! I hope that you were able to take some time this summer to relax, explore and visit with loved ones. An additional school letter will be sent out later this week with more specific start up details.

Due to the number of changes caused by COVID-19 over the last 18 months, **you are receiving this enrolment confirmation letter as your child(ren) is currently registered here at Chase River starting Tuesday, September 7.** (Kindergarten students will have different start dates). Please familiarize yourself with the opening day [school schedule](#) and, if applicable, the opening day [bus schedule](#).

As we prepare for a full-time return of in-class learning, I wanted to remind you of our health and safety guidelines as mandated by the Provincial Health Office, Ministry of Education and the BCCDC.

This is what you and our students should expect (you will notice similarities to what we were practicing in June):

- All Grade 4-12 students are required to wear non-medical masks while indoors, including at their desks and on school buses.
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are encouraged to wear a mask indoors in school and on school buses, but are not required to do so – mask wearing remains a personal, family or caregiver choice.
- All school district staff and visitors are required to wear non-medical masks while indoors.
- Schools will no longer have cohorts restricted to 60 (elementary) or 120 (secondary) students.
- Continue to practice daily health checks by utilizing B.C.'s [health check questionnaire](#).
- Please keep your child home if they are sick.
- Continued enhanced cleaning at all school facilities.
- More health and safety guidelines can be found on the district's COVID-19 [webpage](#).

To ensure we have appropriate staffing levels at each of our schools this year, we must limit the movement of students across the district. Last year, families were given the option to attend school online through Island ConnectED K-12. As always, that is an option for families, but due to staffing and/or space limitations, your child's spot at their catchment school may not be available should they decide to return during the 2021/22 school year.

Once again, I look forward to seeing some new and many returning faces to our school!

If you have any questions about this information, please contact me via email dcooper@sd68.bc.ca or phone 250-754-6983 before Friday, September 3.

Sincerely,
David Cooper
Principal