



Sunshine Hills

École Élémentaire | Elementary School

Friday, August 28, 2020

Bonjour Parents/Guardians:

We hope you are enjoying these beautiful sunny days of August and that the summer has been safe. By now you should have received the back to school plan for Delta. If you have not already viewed the document, it can be found here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/information-for-parents-guardians-novel-coronavirus/>

Please ensure that you have reviewed this information, in particular, the [learning options](#) available as you make the decision about schooling for your child. ***If you are planning NOT to send your child back to class, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.*** It would be greatly appreciated if we could know of your decision ***no later than Wednesday, September 2.*** There is a very tight timeline for us to meet in finalizing the placement of students in classes. As well, we need to complete the staffing process in schools, and if additional teachers are required, we will need to work with the district on this. As you can imagine, all of this takes time. As a result, if you have elected to participate in a home learning model such as [Home Quest](#) or [Homeschooling](#), we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible. If you are choosing one of these options, ***please also advise us if you would like us to hold your child's spot in the school for the following school year (2021/22).***

For parents who will be sending their children back to school, please bring them to orientation on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th. For these days, we will be scheduling students in small alpha-order groups for reorienting back to school safely for 75 minutes. Once we have a better picture of what families choose by Sept 2nd, we will send out details and a day schedule for the 10th and 11th with your child's/children's times.

During this orientation, students will be assigned to their class, find out who is in their learning group, practise their new routines, and familiarize themselves with how to safely move from the class to outdoor and common areas of the school. We would kindly ask for your support with this – please start preparing your child for what school will look like by reviewing health procedures with your child, such as physical distancing, not touching one another, washing hands, sneezing/coughing into your elbow and conducting [daily health checks](#) with them.

Kindergarten families should note a separate email regarding what gradual entry will look like on September 10th and 11th will be emailed shortly. Please note, Kindergarten Expos have been cancelled for Sept 8th and 9th to accommodate our Health and Safety Plan to return to school.

If you continue to have questions as to which option is best for your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact me at jbillingsley@deltasd.bc.ca. For families with unique medical situations or concerns, we do have some flexibility and different options available, and so I would encourage you to contact me as soon as possible to discuss your situation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jody Billingsley
Principal/Directeur
Sunshine Hills Elementary