



## North Saanich Middle School

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Dear NSMS Parents and Guardians:

### **Re: Partial Return to In-School Instruction**

I want to start by thanking our parent and student community for their continued support and patience during this difficult time. Today I am reaching out to parents and guardians to inform you of some of the specifics about the NSMS Partial Return to In-School Instruction. Although we are excited to have some students voluntarily return to school one day a week, we realize that we are still far from returning to the school we left in March.

Our Saanich Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Dave Eberwein, has sent a letter to all parents and guardians today outlining our District's plan to Partial Return to In-School Instruction. NSMS will follow all the guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), WorkSafe BC (WSBC), The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), Ministry of Education and our School District to ensure that students are safe. As a school, we usually have some flexibility in our timetables and plans, but the experts will guide us for the remainder of the year. Here is what we can do for our students:

- Students can voluntarily return to school one day a week, starting on June 1, 2020.
- Classes are restricted to 20% of our student population, which means that only 80 students a day will be at NSMS spread out between 15 divisions. The classes will be very small.
- Staff at NSMS will be working with students who attend; they will assist students in their core subjects based on the remote learning opportunities provided to all students. We will have breaks during each day where students will participate in physical education and art activities.
- All classes for our school and the district are being determined through alphabetical sorting by last name. We have permission to make sure that siblings are able to attend on the same days.
- Buses will be running on those days, but we encourage as many parents as possible to have their children walk or be dropped off.
- Core/Advisory Teachers will be contacting you before Wednesday, May 27, 2020, to notify you of your child's school day. We will also share some of our new school health and safety procedures as well.
- Since we have such a limited capacity for students, we are hoping that you can notify the school if you have changed your mind about your child attending school in June. Please email [jtamburino@saanichschools.ca](mailto:jtamburino@saanichschools.ca) if you have changed your mind about attending or not attending school.
- We will continue to offer virtual opportunities for students whether they attend one day a week or choose to remain learning from home.

We realize that this is not our ideal return to school, but we will do our best to support your child's learning while following the guidelines to make sure that our school environment is as safe as possible.

I look forward to the week of June 1, 2020, and hearing student voices in the school again. We will do our best to make this a positive experience for your child. Thank you again for supporting your child's learning.

Sincerely,

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Kal Russell  
Principal

