



# Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

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May 28, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you for participating in the survey that was sent out to families on Thursday, May 21. We appreciate you taking the time to convey your intentions for your child(ren) regarding the re-opening of schools beginning June 1. From the responses received, we are currently in the process of ensuring that necessary preparations have been addressed to ensure a safe return for students and staff next week.

The resumption of in-class instruction on a part-time basis will begin the week of June 1. The safety of students and staff remains our number one priority, and measures will be in place to meet the requirements of provincial health and safety guidelines for schools. To accommodate these health and safety measures, including physical distancing, classes will be limited to a small number of students at any one time.

The model being implemented in our secondary schools overlays our existing timetable structure and groups students into new cohorts. Students will only attend classes according to their student cohort assignment. Group A attends on a specific day, Group B on another day, Group C another, and Group D another.

In-person attendance is optional, and in-school instruction will supplement the remote learning that is continuing to the end of the school year. Students who do not attend in-class will continue to be provided with remote learning opportunities.

The daily schedule for June (see attachment) includes daily block rotations and daily time for appointments with teachers for students to receive additional support. The rotations also include time for teachers to support students with remote learning. Please note that we will be continuously monitoring the number of students in our school and may need to adjust this schedule as we work through our return to optional in-person classes.

Typically, most students will attend classes one day per week, with additional opportunities to make appointments to see teachers should they require extra support. Students who are not scheduled to attend a class should not be in the school unless arrangements have been made with a teacher. Please note that while in-class attendance will be recorded, with the voluntary nature of attending school we will not be reporting to parents/guardians if secondary students are not in attendance for the month of June. Wednesdays are designated blended learning days and schools will not have in-person instruction for any students with the exception of students with diverse needs whose families have requested this support.

Students have been grouped alphabetically by last name (Group A: A-D, Group B: E-K, Group C: L-P and Group D: Q-Z). Remote learning class check-ins will continue during specified afternoons as noted in the attached schedule. Students choosing to attend in person should arrive at the school no earlier than 8:40 am and will be asked to leave the grounds after their final class ends at 12:00 pm so custodians can clean the building. Students returning for afternoon appointments should enter the building no earlier than 12:55 pm. Students will be asked to clean out their lockers before they leave at the end of the day. We will only be using the entrances at East and West side of the school for students.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school and to also continuing to support all students remotely.

All the very best,

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