

Dear parents and guardians,

To ensure we are all ready for the year ahead we will be having orientation with students on Sept. 10 and 11, as part of Valleyview's Re-Start Plan. Students will return to school for a full day, on either Sept. 10 or 11. We will be contacting you on Sept. 8 and 9 to discuss the orientation, and the learning group your child(ren) will be part of.

The first step in keeping our students and staff safe begins at home. Families will be asked to sign a Health Assessment Agreement. This is a commitment to assess your child(ren) for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school each day. This can be done by scanning the completed form and sending it to our school email at vview-sec-office@sd73.bc.ca or have your child bring the completed form on their orientation day.

These daily health assessments, along with enhanced surface cleaning, hand washing, and physical distancing measures are our best defense against COVID-19. As another layer of protection masks will be required for staff, middle and secondary students in high traffic areas such as buses and in common areas such as hallways or anytime outside of their learning group, whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons. Two masks will be provided for each student.

We also want to better support families who need additional time to return to in-class instruction. Please call us so we can discuss your needs, and begin working with you on solutions.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and I look forward to connecting with all of you soon!

Barb Hamblett,
Principal of Valleyview Secondary School