



BC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

"We know how important it is for children to be back in school – to both support their emotional and mental health and their ability to socialize and to learn,"

- Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer.

As we turn the corner into the second half of this out-of-the-ordinary summer, we first offer up sober thanks to our all-powerful God for bending down to hear our prayers and graciously answering them in so many unexpected ways:

1. Of all the provinces in Canada, British Columbia stands out as the one that has most successfully controlled the Corona Virus outbreak these past 4 months. With 5.1 million people who call BC "home," our 3700 cases amount to just 0.0007% of the population who have been infected - indeed a number that puts into perspective the significant way that God has protected all of us who call BC "home."

Thank you Lord that the hundreds of thousands of deaths predicted in the spring have not materialized.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/data>

2. While most of us had never even heard the name *Bonnie Henry* before March, we now recognize her as a wise and respected authority whose firm hand and level-headed decisions on our pandemic response have guided and informed our recovery.

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for putting Dr. Henry in office for such a time as this.

3. The vast majority of British Columbians have willingly placed themselves under those in authority over us to help in every possible way to make life safer for all.

Thank You, God, for every individual and family in this province that has contributed to the continuing positive effects of our pandemic protocols.

Therefore, in light of the joint announcement made last week by the BC Minister of Education Rob Fleming and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, we want to share the news with you regarding our plans for moving into a Stage 2 return to school for this September

The key message from Dr. Henry is that due to what we now know about COVID-19 and the impact it has on children, it is safe and strong public health policy to have students back in schools. - Shawn Chisolm, Director of FISA

BCCA Administration is wholeheartedly committed to the successful return and long-term well-being of our students and staff. You may [read the published information from the Ministry of Education in its entirety here](#), but outlined below are the basic changes you can expect coming in September:

- All students and staff will undergo daily health checks before entering the school. No other guests will be permitted entry without appointments and similar health checks.

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- Students will be grouped in cohorts of up to 60 that will remain their group through the term or until we move to Stage 1.
- Students and staff are not required to wear masks in schools, however, staff may wear one when spending time in another cohort, or when physical distancing regulations cannot be met.
- Hand-washing hygiene and social distance protocols will be followed carefully according to Ministry requirements
- In our classrooms, children will be encouraged to work in individual and small groups. No large group assemblies will be permitted until we return to Stage 1.
- Recesses will be staggered as always, but to add an extra measure of safety, the learning groups or cohorts will follow a rotation through the three activity zones of our school play areas
- Our NO lunch-sharing policy has not changed, however we are adding an extra safety measure that all lunch containers, wraps and leftovers be packed up and returned home each day.
- Extra-curricular activities will be offered as we are able to do so within the guidelines of the ministry.
- Bussed students will observe the 2-metre distance rule and sit in family groupings.

Those are the high points! More details will be sent home as we approach our September 8th startup of the new year. We are EXCITED about welcoming our students back!

May you have a refreshing *rest of summer* and may you find the God of all peace at your side as we confidently place our trust in Him.

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Footnote:

For your Information, [BCCA's Enhanced Responses](#), to date have included:

- Academically vigorous and thorough Term 3 **Virtual School delivery** for all students K-Grade 12;
- 4-month continuing **safe and healthy operation of our Kids Club** March-August this year, including support for children of ESWs;
- **Worksafe BC's** unannounced site-inspection and subsequent **approval** of our school facility and COVID Safety Plan;
- Hiring a dedicated **daytime custodian** to ensure careful and thorough compliance with twice-daily school cleaning and sanitizing.

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