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Dear Families

We look forward to welcoming back students to Eliza Van Bibber School on Wednesday August 19th for the 2020-2021 school year. The answer to the frequently asked questions will help to explain some of the changes for this year. Should you have other questions feel free to contact the school – 867-537-3231.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

When will Eliza Van Bibber School (EVBS) be opening?

Students will be returning to classes on Wednesday August 19th, 2020 with drop off at 9:00am and pick up at 3:20pm.

What will school look like this year?

Following official guidelines, all EVBS students from K-12 will return to full-time in school classes beginning on August 19th, with no more than 15 students per class. Enhanced health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are being followed including physical distancing, staying home when sick, and frequent handwashing. Northern Tutchone language and physical education classes will take place, following appropriate guidelines.

What are the main changes at EVBS to support COVID-19 guidelines?

Our enhanced health and safety measures are evolving as new guidelines and best practices change to support the wellbeing of students and staff. Current changes include:

- COVID-19 education on the first day of school to all staff and students
- Protocols in place if students or staff are sick at school
- Measures in place to support physical distancing
- Promotion of frequent hand washing and sanitizing
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of EVBS
- Food programs delivered and eaten in classrooms
- Staggering of recess times

Please review EVBS's COVID-19 Detailed School Operational Plan document on our website evb.yukonschools.ca for detailed information.

What will happen when my child is dropped off at school?

Students in grades K5 through 7 will enter the school through the main entrance. High school students will enter through the high school entrance. K4 students will enter through the kindergarten entrance. Upon entering the school, they will need to sanitize their hands (at stations found at each entrance), and go directly to their classroom. Please be aware that parents and visitors should only enter the school when absolutely necessary, through the main entrance.

Does my child or their teacher have to wear a mask?

Following the Chief Medical Officer of Health's guidelines, masks are not currently mandatory. However, masks are recommended for children age 10 and older during occasions when physical distancing is not possible (for example - in hallways or on the bus). Yukon's Department of Education is currently working on securing masks for all students and staff.

What do I do if my child is sick?

You are encouraged to assess your child daily for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child is exhibiting any symptoms do not send them to school. You can use the self-assessment tool on Yukon.ca: service.yukon.ca/covid-19-self-assessment/ If they are showing symptoms, call 811 or Pelly Health Centre to arrange for testing. Students and staff must stay home until they are symptom free, or receive a negative result, if tested.

What will happen if a student displays COVID-19 symptoms at school?

The symptomatic student will be isolated immediately by staff using personal protective equipment. Parents/guardians will be contacted for pickup. All spaces and items touched will be disinfected afterwards. For more details, see Appendix 1 in EVBS's COVID-19 Detailed School Operational Plan at evb.yukonschools.ca

What will happen if there is a positive case of COVID-19 at the school?

EVBS will follow the advice of public health officials and support them in their efforts. The school is not to release confidential information, including a potential or confirmed case, to students, parents/guardians or staff. All necessary notifications will be done by Yukon Communicable Disease Control and the Department of Education.