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School District #73
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Dear parents and guardians,

We look forward to welcoming your children back to Chase Secondary School soon. To ensure we are all ready for the year ahead we will be having an orientation with students on Sept. 10 and 11, as part of Chase Secondary's Re-Start Plan. Students will return to school for a full day, on either Sept. 10 or 11. Staff will be contacting you on Sept. 8 and 9 to discuss the orientation, and the learning group your children 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. Please complete [this form](#) and return it to school before orientation, 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. After Sept. 1, please call us so we can discuss your needs, and begin working with you on solutions. For more information please check our website [Chase Secondary School Website](#). Please also see the document below for a more detailed description of what the day will look like and the other information for students and families.

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Chase Secondary Students:

Following the Ministry of Education COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings and SD73 protocols, we look forward to welcoming our students to Chase Secondary School for the 2020/21 school year.

We hope that the information below will answer your questions as we move forward with the return to face to face instruction at Chase Secondary School.

Quarter System	
What is a quarter system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to reduce the number of contacts students and staff have, we have moved to a quarter system for the 2020/2021 school year.• There are 4 terms within a year. Each term is 9.5 weeks long.• Students attend 2 classes per day in each of the terms.
Cohort groups	
What is a cohort group?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students have been organized into cohort groups for in-class instruction. This helps to limit contact within the building.• At Secondary Schools, the maximum cohort size is 120.• Our school will have two cohorts. Cohort 1 will be our grade 7,8,9 students and cohort 2 will be the grade 10,11,12 students.• Within a cohort group, masks are not required (though students and staff are welcome to wear a mask if they choose).• Staff working with students not in their cohort may have to wear a mask if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Examples of this are administrators, counsellors, teachers that have classes in different cohorts and student education assistants.
Health and Safety Protocols	
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chase Secondary has an onsite daytime custodian.• Cleaning will take place once every 24 hrs and frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, toilet handles, tables, desks, lights, chairs) will be cleaned twice in a 24 hr period.• New cleaning protocols in shops will be introduced to students who will clean tools before and after use.
Hand Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon entering the building each morning students will need to sanitize their hands. Sanitizer will be located at each entrance. Students will have access to either a sink with soap or sanitizer in each classroom.

Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn in hallways, bathrooms and common areas like the cafeteria and library (when not in class). • If physical distancing cannot be maintained, then masks must also be worn in a class/space that is not made up of an exclusive cohort group.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff must maintain physical distancing to the best of their ability when outside the classroom and cohort. • In high traffic areas like the office and library, clear plastic barriers will be installed.
Traffic Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be two entrances/exits, one for each cohort. • Cohort 1 (grade 7,8,9) will enter and exit through the doors located by the bus loop. Cohort 1 will use the washrooms nearest the band room. • Cohort 2 (grade 10,11,12) will enter and exit through the main doorways. Cohort 2 will use the washrooms closest to the office. • While moving in the hallways, students will keep to the right. • NO LOCKERS will be assigned which will limit congestion and maintain flow in the halls. Students will need a backpack to carry items with them throughout the day.
Health and Safety Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will be required to complete a daily health check before coming to school each day. • Students: Parents are responsible for completing a daily health check of their student(s) each day. If a student has any of the listed symptoms, they are to stay home for the day and monitor the symptoms. • Here is a link to the parent health check agreement: Agreement to complete daily student health check
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be limited access for visitors at the school. Any access must be arranged through the office in advance. • Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (eg. student teachers, public health, RCMP, education coordinators, district staff). • Visitors will be required to wear a mask in the school.

Shape of the Day	
8:25 am	Warning Bell
8:30 - 9:48 am	Period 1
9:48 - 9:58 am	Morning Break
9:58 - 11:16 am	Period 1 continued
11:16 am - 12:10 pm	Lunch Break
12:10 - 1:28 pm	Period 2
1:28 - 1:38 pm	Afternoon Break
1:38 - 2:55 pm	Period 2 continued

- We will start the first week with A block in the morning and then B block in the afternoon. This will then flip for alternating weeks.

Shape of the Day continued....	
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon arriving at the school, students will move to their first class to join their cohort, remain outside until the bell, or be in the designated hallway. • Doors to classrooms may be open by 8:15 each morning. We want to minimize loitering in the halls so students should be in their classrooms or outside until the bell. • Morning class ends at 11:16.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch runs from 11:16 until 12:10. • Students will be allowed in the building but must be in the assigned hallways for their cohort. The gym use during lunch will rotate between cohorts on a weekly basis. The cohort not using the gym will have access to the library. • Cafeteria will be open during lunch with one way traffic and the use of masks by students while in the cafeteria area. • There will be no microwaves for use in the cafeteria area.
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon class runs from 12:10 - 2:55 pm
Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaks occur during the morning and afternoon block. Students will only be permitted in the hallways assigned to their cohorts.
Teaching and Learning	
Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Stage 2 of the Provincial re-start plan we will have face to face instruction with only two classes per day. Curricular activities will be varied by the teacher.
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum is the standard Graduation Program as outlined by the BC Ministry of Education.
Communicating Student Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on student progress will be according to the BC Ministry of Education regulations. You should receive an interim and final term report for each class.
Other Information	
Sick at School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student becomes sick or develops symptoms at school they will be isolated in a sick room. • Parents will be informed to arrange immediate transportation home.
School Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it is at this point, there will be no team sports with competitions against other schools. There may be some skills development sessions depending on availability of coaches.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School buses will be running at regular times with new protocols in place.

Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and further information will be posted on the school website and emailed home. We also use the school Facebook page to share information.
First Day of Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COHORT 1 (grade 7,8,9): You will return to class on Friday September 11, 2020. This will be a full day. • COHORT 2 (grade 10,11,12): You will return for your first day on Thursday September 10, 2020. You will not attend on Friday. • Both cohorts will resume together on Monday September 14, 2020.
SD 73 Parent resource page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here is the link to the SD 73 parent resource page: • SD 73 parent resource page
K-12 Provincial Education Restart Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kinder_garten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf
BC Centre for Disease Control Guidance for Public School Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid 19 public health guidance for K-12 Settings