

HD STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Skyhawks Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome our students back to HD Stafford Middle School and are looking forward to connecting with all of you soon. We can't wait to work with your child and explore the exciting learning opportunities our teachers have planned for this coming year.

All Middle Schools have been organized into cohorts/learning groups with a maximum of 60 individuals, inclusive of staff. These cohorts will function like a school within a school to reduce contact between individuals outside of the cohort. Students will have the opportunity to reconnect with staff and peers to foster a sense of belonging and build community.

Each cohort will use their designated exterior door as their school building entry and exit points. Cohorts will have supervised in-class recess and lunch times and be assigned zones for outdoor daily physical activity.

During your child's orientation session, staff will provide lessons focused on Covid-related Health and Safety protocols including physical distancing, wearing masks in common areas, hand hygiene, and staying home when sick. Students will be required to wash their hands multiple times throughout the day and specifically between transitions.

As part of the Middle School philosophy, we will maintain the integrity of our classroom instruction and focus on social emotional needs. Our Exploratory options for students will be offered on a rotation basis for all grades. For the most part, students will remain together with their cohort as they rotate to their new Exploration class. Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be used when physical distancing is not possible. Music programs will continue as long as physical distancing can be maintained. In addition, Learning Support Services will continue to be provided to students with physical distancing and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) where appropriate.

For your reference, please click and review the [Daily Health Check Form](#). A paper copy of this will be provided to your child on their orientation day. This will need to be signed and returned to your child's teacher on Monday, September 14th.

The Langley School District has developed an [Education Restart Plan](#) based around key features related to health, safety, teaching and learning. In order to better prepare for the start of the school year, the District needs to know the accurate number of students planning on returning to fulltime in-class instruction at each school site. **Please read our Education Restart Plan and then complete the following survey:**

[RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEY](#)

The following is a glimpse of what the first week of school will look like.

THE FIRST WEEK	
Tuesday, September 8 th	Students do not attend: Staff Health and Safety orientation sessions
Wednesday, September 9 th	Students do not attend: Staff Health and Safety orientation sessions Parents will be notified of their child's homeroom placement and exterior meeting locations for September 10 th or 11 th
Thursday, September 10 th	Grade 6 Students attend for a ½ day from 8:35 – 11:30 with their homeroom class for Health and Safety Orientation and Team Building Activities
Friday, September 11 th	Grade 7 & 8 Students attend for a ½ day from 8:35 – 11:30 with their homeroom class for Health and Safety Orientation and Team Building Activities
Monday, September 14 th	First full day for all students 8:35-2:45

We are incredibly excited to welcome your child back to school. This return will look a bit different, and that is because we are putting the health and wellness of our students and staff at the front of our return to school plan. That said, this year is also a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with peers and with staff and to engage in the terrific opportunities that Langley Middle Schools have to offer. We can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Hantke
Proud Principal

Ms. Natalie Roberts
Vice Principal