



September 11, 2020

Dear Elementary Parents / Guardians,

Today, we are sending home a reusable mask for all of our students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. An additional mask will be made available at a later date.

It is important to note that all Elementary Schools across British Columbia will be following the guidance of our Provincial Health Officer as well as adhering to the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings. The guidance is that, *“non-medical masks are **not recommended** for elementary school students due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes, as well as require assistance to properly put on and take off their mask (requiring increased close personal contact from school staff).*

We also understand that wearing a non-medical mask has become common practice outside of elementary schools to stop the spread of COVID-19. As a family if you are making this choice, here is a great link to watch with your student that discusses how to wear a fabric mask safely:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN\\_WTk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk)

If you have further questions regarding mask wearing at school, please connect with your school principal.

Take care,

***Paula Jordan***  
**Assistant Superintendent**