



January 10, 2022

# ÉCOLE WILLOWS SCHOOL

Update



## Coming up:

January 10—14—French Immersion Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

January 19—PAC Meeting at 7pm

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/66979465761?pwd=Z1dEQkYvRGV1cEdISUMwRmNVc3ExUT09>

January 21 - Fun Lunch <https://www.willowspac.ca/copy-of-lunch-programs>

January 24—28—English Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

January 28—Professional Development Day—No School

## Willows Safety Procedures

Following the information sent in the [letter from our Interim Superintendent](#), the Greater Victoria School Districts [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#), and the updated [Daily Health Check](#) required for all staff and students, below are further details regarding procedures at Willows.

- **Mandatory Mask wearing** - We support our students and staff to wear masks at Willows and will follow the provincial guidelines. The provincial guidelines provide categories for exceptions. Please reach out directly to Brenna or Dianne in the case of an exemption if you have not already done so. We will be reminding students regularly about the importance of mask wearing. Parents can help by talking to their children at home as well. We do have 3 layered masks available for students who forget their masks
- **Maximizing space and avoiding face-to-face seating where possible** – Where possible, classrooms are configured to reduce face-to-face seating
- **Avoiding crowding** – We will not be changing our start and end times nor will there be staggered recesses. We will be maintaining our play zones during recess time. Teachers will begin bringing classes outside before recess time to allow more time to exit and re-enter the school without crowding the halls. We will ensure that there are no more than two classes in a hallway at any given time and staff will escort them through the hallways. Classes are assigned doors to prevent crowding. This includes moving during transition times and going to both the gym and music room. We will be regularly reminding students about limiting numbers in the washrooms and have signs in place to remind them
- **Parent Distancing on the Playground** – Please ensure you maintain a 2-meter distance from others on school grounds. Please wait for your child at a distance from the school building.
- **Holding all school gatherings and events virtually**—school assemblies, staff meetings and parent meetings will continue to be held virtually
- **Limiting school visitors** – Please always check with the office if you need to come into the school. We will be limiting both volunteers and visitors inside the school
- **Potential school closures** – If at all possible, the children of essential workers and children with exceptional needs will be able to attend school in the event of a closure. If you need to go to work and are unable to work from home, please reach out to Brenna or Dianne directly after receiving this notice

## Willows Safety Procedures Continued...

- **Daily Health Check** – Please use the [daily health check](#) with your child. It is important that parents let the school know when your child is at home sick so that information about numbers of students who are away sick with Island Health. When you call or email the school to let us know about an absence please provide us with your name, your child's name, their teacher's name, if they are ill, and when you anticipate they will be back.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We would like to thank our families for their ongoing support in helping us keep our Willows community healthy and safe.



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