

Good afternoon Pauline Haarer families,

It has been fantastic seeing all the kids back at school. I am writing to let you know of two important updates.

1. Outside time:

Unfortunately, the air quality index has remained at 10 or higher for our first three days of school. As per the district directive in consultation with Island Health, all students and staff have been and will continue to be required to stay indoors during school hours. Please read the information sent out by district at the following link: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/first-day-and-air-quality-update/>

You can also keep up to date by checking the district website. <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/>. Thank you.

2. Late drop off/Early pick up:

We ask all parents and caregivers to please try your best to have your child(ren) arrive on time for school and to stay for their full educational day. Coming late and leaving early results in lost instructional time and the social benefits of school. Students arriving and leaving throughout the day also can be disruptive to the rest of the students and the teacher. That said, we completely understand that life happens!!!

Students will need to be dropped off late or picked up early on occasion and for this we have a new COVID protocol which is outlined below.

During COVID we ask that you follow these steps:

1. Whenever possible let your teacher and Jennifer at the office know ahead of time through email. JMile@sd68.bc.ca
2. When arriving at the school, knock on Jennifer's window and she will direct you where to sign-in or out. (It will be at a separate window facing The Big rock to allow for social distancing).
3. If students are leaving the site they will be called down to office by Jennifer and will meet you outside the office. If students are arriving, once signed in, a staff member will allow your students in the building and ensure they get to their class.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility while we navigate these new waters together!!

Sincerely

Mme. Apland

