



# Willoughby Elementary School

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## Upcoming Events



January 17:

**PAC Meeting (7:00 pm)- Zoom**

January 17:

**Online Kindergarten Registration Begins**

February 11:

**Pro D Day School Not In Session**

February 18:

**Design and Assessment Day & Report Card Prep Day**

February 21:

**Family Day School Not In Session**



It was wonderful to see so many excited students back at school this week. The staff have worked so hard to get everything needed in place to ensure a successful start to this week. Thank you so much for working together by following Health and Safety protocols to ensure a safe environment for everyone in our Willoughby community. We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning, connecting, and exploring together.

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## Reminders

**Visitors** – Visitors inside the school will be limited for the next while. Please drop your child off and please do not accompany them to their class **inside** the school. Thank you for your understanding during these circumstances.

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## Continuity of Learning Plan

Just in case you haven't seen it yet, [click here to see the District's Continuity of Learning Plan](#). It provides some details on what could happen.

## COVID Procedures for Managing Illness

To help students, staff, and families in the weeks ahead, the District is sharing a document outlining information and public health guidance regarding COVID Procedures for Managing Illness.

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## COVID-19 Procedures for Managing Illness

January 11, 2022

As shared with the community in the District's [Continuity of Learning Plan](#) Fraser Health's process for contact tracing, case management, and exposure notifications is changing. The former processes that have been in place previously will not continue. This resource will help guide students, staff, and families on public health procedures related to COVID-19. It is important to note, these guidelines/procedures may change.

### *1. I am a student or staff who is sick and was at school on a given day. What should I do?*

Stay at home until your symptoms are gone. Seek medical attention if needed. Use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine guidance and recommendations for testing.

If you have any concerns, feel very sick, or your symptoms are not improving, contact your family doctor/nurse practitioner or call 8-1-1.

Students/staff should report their absence at school/work to their administrator. As per Ministry guidance, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19; however, those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

### *2. I am a student or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 either through a rapid test or PCR test. What should I do?*

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should follow advice from the BC Centre for Disease Control, found [here](#). Please note, guidance and recommendations vary depending on an individual's vaccination status.

As per the BCCDC, if you test positive for COVID-19, you need to do the following:

- ▶ [Complete an online form to report your test result](#)
- ▶ [Self-isolate and manage your symptoms](#)
- ▶ [Let your close contacts know](#)

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### *3. Why is there no contact tracing or exposure notifications in K-12 schools?*

The Omicron variant spreads rapidly and, as such, contact tracing is a less effective measure in the timely management of COVID-19. Public Health is no longer able to contact everyone who tests positive.

As Public Health is not contacting every person who tests positive, school exposures will not be issued by Public Health for individual cases. In the event of a declared outbreak, Public Health will issue a public notification.

Public Health will continue to work with schools if, for example, there is a significant increase in absenteeism that is atypical for the time of year and actions are to be taken, such as notification to the parents and guardians of the affected grade or school community.

## BCCDC Vaccination for Children Aged 5-11

The COVID-19 vaccination is now authorized by Health Canada for children five and older. Getting young people vaccinated helps protect them and the people around them. The Langley Schools District is supporting the efforts of public health and is sharing this resource from the BC Centre for Disease Control COVID-19 Vaccination for children 5-11 years old [here](#). You can also review an Immunize BC FAQ resource [here](#).



Parents can register their child in the [Get Vaccinated System](#) to be notified of when their child can get vaccinated. The vaccines are free, and children do not need BC Care Cards to receive them. If you have any questions about your child's health, please contact public health or your medical provider.

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### Kindergarten Registration 2022

**Kindergarten Registration will be starting on Monday, January 17. All information can be found on our website, click [here](#).**

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### Willoughby PAC Information:

Join Zoom Meeting on January 17, 2022 at 7pm

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