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Dear Essential Service Worker Program Families;

We are so pleased to welcome your child(ren) back to our school!

As you probably know, students will be returning to in-class instruction on a part-time voluntary basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school will also continue to provide the Essential Service Workers' child care program on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday during school hours (8:45 to 2:50)**. Some of you may be unfamiliar with what the Essential Service Worker program looks like in our school, as well as the systems in place for this program. This letter is to help clarify some of the details for this program. Even if you are familiar with this program, please take the time to read this letter carefully, as there have been some slight changes.

All days must be pre-arranged (it helps us plan) with our registration clerk Debbie Israel by email, dIsrael@sd62.bc.ca or call to speak to her. **It will greatly help with planning if you keep us informed if your child will not attend on a pre-arranged day by contacting our office staff by email or phone.**

As you are aware, the intention of the ESW program is to provide support for ESW's that are working on the days that their children attend the program for the days they have no other options available for daycare. If your child is new to this program, please take the time to talk to them about what to expect. Here is some helpful information:

- The entrance is at the Zealous Crescent door (the one next to the flag pole).
- When students enter, they must go directly to the washrooms to wash their hands.
- They should then go to the elementary gym. Staff will help them find a place to sit.
- Some days, there may be too many children for the gym. If this is the case, some children will be placed in a nearby classroom for the day.
- The typical day has a combination of learning, games and breaks outside.
- Remember to pack a snack, lunch and a water bottle (no juice or sugary drinks). Water fountains are closed.
- Students must at all times keep physical distance from others. They cannot share equipment, toys, games or food.
- *** If possible, please have your child bring a personal pencil case/box of classroom supplies such as pencils, crayons, etc.***
- If your child is sick with cold/flu like symptoms they must stay home.
- If your child becomes sick at school, they will be isolated and you will be contacted for immediate pick up. They cannot return until their symptoms are gone and they have a doctor's note.

If you have any further questions, please email Sandra Szalipszki at sszalipszki@sd62.bc.ca or Mellissa Ryan at mryan@sd62.bc.ca . Or phone the school office at 250-478-5571. We will be happy to help.

We really are looking forward to seeing children in our school again!

Warm wishes,

John Stubbs Staff