



## WEST SECHELT ELEMENTARY

*A Vibrant Learning Community*

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March 27, 2020

Dear West Sechelt Elementary Community:

I hope this letter finds you well. I want to reassure you that although learning will be different than we are used to, your children will continue to learn and we are committed to supporting you. We understand that even without in-class instruction, *school* will provide some much needed normalcy to everyone's days and a little *normal* is just what we need.

Our first step at West Sechelt will be to connect with each family. So, your child's teacher will contact you on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. Some teachers may choose to send an email or FreshGrade notice first, but this will be followed by a personal phone call. During that first call, teachers will have two goals: first, to see how you and your child are doing, but also to gather some important information.

The information the teachers collect will assist in their planning but also help the school district support the broader community. To prepare for their phone call, you should know that they will ask:

- *Do you have Internet access at home?*
- *Do you have a device to connect with the teacher or other students: tablet/iPad, computer?*
- *What is the best way to communicate with you?*

Please also know that I continue to be available to you by email via [jmarshall@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:jmarshall@sd46.bc.ca). If you have a concern that you'd rather not share with your teacher, or if you would like me to call you for any reason, please send an email and I will respond at my earliest opportunity while I work from home. If you have an emergency, please call my mobile phone at (604) 989-5763.

The school building is currently closed. We are limiting access to the school in adherence with the BC Ministry of Health guidelines. However, access to the school to pick up your children's belongings will occur in the coming weeks. Please **do not come to the school** to attempt pick up of personal items until the date and process for pick up are finalized (I will let you know when and how that will occur).

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Thank you for your continued patience. Working together, we will support our entire school community.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Marshall'.

Jeff Marshall

Principal