



Back to School Information Bulletin #2

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Hello again students and families of AVHS.

This letter follows my previous Information Bulletin sent on August 24, 2020, with more information about what our school will look like when students return on September 8th. We continue to plan for a full return to school. Should we be given direction from Public Health that our learning model must change, we will let you know immediately. We hope this letter, in addition to the details shared with you last week, will help your family prepare. To help your planning, a checklist is included at the end of this letter.

Food Programs: Breakfast Club programs may look a little different, but students will still be able to have something to eat in the morning if they are hungry when they arrive at school. Our cafeteria re-opens on September 14th and will seem very close to typical. Our cafeteria workers will be following Public Health guidelines and there will be enhanced cleaning procedures. Our students in Gr 10-12 can still leave campus with parent permission. The Cafeteria will strongly encourage pre-ordering/pre-paying and processes to make that run smoothly are being developed. Seating areas in the cafeteria and in other places in the school have been organized so students sit 2 meters apart to eat lunch. We will encourage students to take advantage of those additional spaces and even go outside to eat when weather permits. Washing hands/using hand sanitizer before and after eating is important as is ensuring garbage and recycling is handled responsibly. Our janitors have a great deal to do and we will need to be responsible in cleaning up after ourselves.

Curriculum: Our students will pursue the courses they are registered in as usual. All courses will be taught ensuring appropriate cleaning protocols for their unique situation. Wherever possible materials will not be shared between students but if they are, they will be cleaned between users. Classes may take advantage of going outside when that makes sense so having appropriate clothing available is important for all students. Some courses have been given restrictions to ensure safety ex. Limitations for wind instruments in Band. Regardless of those limitations our teachers are committed to giving our students a high quality learning experience in every course we offer.

If you are interested in learning more about Nova Scotia's curriculum, visit <https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/>

Access to technology: In order to avoid sharing of technology each student who does not bring their own device to school, will be issued a Chromebook. Chromebooks will travel with the student to and from school each day. Having a fully charged, ready to go Chromebook will be the responsibility of each student each class. If students choose to bring their own device (either a tablet or laptop; cell phones are not considered devices for the purposes of classroom instruction) they are responsible for tech support as our technicians will likely be unable to help.

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Illness at School: Families need to have a plan in case your child must leave school early, whether due to illness or an unplanned early dismissal. This year Following Public Health guidelines, we must send students home if they become unwell during the day, so it is very important that you have a plan to pick up your child at school if necessary. It is also important that we have up-to-date contact information for you and your child's emergency contact person. Please know that students will not be penalized for staying home when they are sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have been advised by 811 to stay home.

School Routines: Our regular emergency preparedness plans continue as they normally would. Throughout the year, we will practice emergency procedures such as routine fire drills, hold and secure drills, and lock-down drills.

Signing out your child: As schools are limiting the number of visitors allowed in the building, including parents picking up children for appointments etc. Signing out your son or daughter during the school day will involve calling the Main Office first. We will release your child from class and once they have checked in at the office, they will meet you outside.

Hand Hygiene: Hand sanitizer will be available and is required as students enter the school, each class or other space. Before students sit in the Learning Commons, Cafeteria or any other available space, they must either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. If a student wants to bring their own hand sanitizer they can, provided it is not fragranced (we know that the alcohol content has an odor but there should not be an "added fragrance"). Personal hand sanitizer needs to have a 60% alcohol content to be effective and therefore allowed.

Bus notes: Requests to travel on a different bus are limited to critical family arrangements. Social visits are not a valid reason to take a bus other than the one you are assigned.

To recap please plan for the following:

- Know where your bus stop is and what time the bus comes (many routes changed over the summer, so double-check at <https://transportation.avrce.ca> or by contacting transportation@avrce.ca or 902-538-4641).
- Dress for the weather – classes may be held outside with no advanced notice.
- Wear a face mask to come to school on the first day. Two reusable face masks will be provided but not until Homeroom on the first day.
- Have your child bring a Ziploc bag or something else to keep their masks clean and protected while in their back pack.
- Remind your child to fill and bring a reusable water bottle each day.
- Have a plan and a back-up plan in case your child becomes sick at school. We are unable to transport students home as we may have done in the past.

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We will continue to stay in touch with you when there is new information to share. In the meantime, if you have questions that aren't covered here, the provincial Back to School website includes an extensive "Frequently Asked Questions" list that may be helpful, as well as posters and videos on topics like proper hygiene techniques. Please see novascotia.ca/backtoschool for more information.

If you still have questions after reading both of our Information Bulletins and watching the Virtual Orientation Video (coming to you soon). Please consider joining the **Google Hangout opportunity on September 3rd 6:30 PM. Use this link <https://meet.google.com/rdw-yvoc-kmq?hs=122&authuser=0>**

We hope the information we share helps you and your child become comfortable. We know that in spite of the challenges, being together as students and staff of AVHS will be really positive and a welcome change from home learning.

Thank you for working with us to help students feel as confident and ready as possible.

Take care,

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