



# CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

May 19, 2020

I hope you and your families had a safe and enjoyable long weekend. I wish to update you on developments from the BC Ministry of Education over the weekend to inform of next steps.

The current “continuity of learning” educational opportunities remain in place in our CISPg Schools. These opportunities will continue through the month of June. Premier Horgan announced that schools will gradually increase in-class instruction as part of [BC’s Restart Plan](#) beginning June 1. Sending your child to school in June is a parent’s choice – it is voluntary. Students will not miss new material or be penalized for not attending.

Expect a short survey from your school this week to help us plan spaces and staffing for June. If your child is returning on a part-time basis, you will be contacted by the school with details about the dates, times, and protocols for a healthy return to the school in June. K-5 students innately move and are busy, so the Ministry has updated the expectation that we minimize physical contact of our K-5 students, not the 2m social distancing we expect from our older students grades 6 and up. We can accommodate up to 50% of a class at a time. Due to staffing considerations, your child may not have their ‘usual’ classroom teacher while at school in June during Phase 3.

CISPg schools will continue to follow cleaning protocols from [WorkSafeBC](#) for the safety of staff and students. Students will be greeted by staff outside the entrance with a few health related questions. As per Ministry guidelines, only adults required to work should enter the school building.

You are invited to join Minister Rob Fleming in a virtual townhall meeting on Wednesday May 20 at 7:15 pm (PT) to ask questions about BC’s Restart Plan and what it means for K-12 education in B.C. This is the next in a series of COVID-19 townhall meetings that are open to the public across the province. Please visit the [COVID-19 Townhalls web page](#) for more information and to submit questions for Minister Fleming in advance.

*“This will not be a return to normal. With weeks left in the school year, we anticipate many kids will not return to the classroom until September. But we are also exploring ways to safely get some kids back to school before the summer, to allow more parents to return to work.”* (page 16 of BC’s Restart Plan link above)

Thank you for continuing to do all you can to prevent the spread of this virus. May God continue to bless us as we journey forward, safely, together.

With gratitude and hope,

Chris Dugdale  
CISPg Superintendent of Schools