



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

KCS Family,

Time is flying. We are more than 20% of the way into the school year, and the cohort model has enabled us to foster a familiar school environment within each child's cohort. At the Benvoulin Campus, our volleyball and cross country seasons are wrapping up. Our grads are beginning to plan their Winter Formal, and we are partnering with home to ensure our graduates have a year that they cherish. Our middle school chapels have brought communal laughter, joy, and contemplation to our classrooms and our high school had an outdoor time of worship yesterday afternoon.

Dropping off birthday Kinder Eggs to students in their Gordon Campus classes shows me how much fun our students are having. Aside from an application of sanitizer or increased hand-washing, the routines of the elementary school mirror last year. We are cognizant that staying within student cohorts can limit our cross-grade and parent connections, but we continue to seek opportunities to build and grow our village while apart.

The past Covid-19 outbreak at Calvary Chapel and the more recent exposures at several local schools remind us about how the health and safety protocols we have in place are of the utmost importance right now. We are confident with our Health and Safety Plan and are immensely impressed by our staff and students' commitment to serving each other through these protocols. We continue to pray for our rental partner, Calvary Chapel. We thank our custodial and cleaning staff for their hard work and dedication to making our school a safe space for our students. Our cleaning staff need to be celebrated for their commitment to student wellness.

Interior Health inspected our school following the Calvary Chapel outbreak. They affirmed our scrupulous protocols and confirmed that our church rental partnership presents no risk to Kelowna Christian School students. Kelowna Christian School is not seeking new rental partnerships until there is a positive therapeutic response to COVID.

IN THE EVENT OF A COVID-19 SITUATION

Remember that in the event of a COVID situation, if a member of our community is exposed and/or tests positive, our school administration will follow the leadership of the Interior Health Authority (IHA). We have [attached a link](#) that helps explain their process.

As a school, we are required by law to protect the personal privacy rights of individuals. As such, and following public health guidance, we will likely be unable to provide any detailed information beyond what has been shared by the Interior Health Region. However, we will



Proverbs 3:5,6

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding; in all your ways
acknowledge him, and he will make
your paths straight.**



High School Outdoor Chapel

ensure that all members of our school community receive all school communications. We will also liaise well with the media in an attempt to prevent misinformation.

In the event of an exposure, it is essential that we all remain calm and empathetic and share these sentiments with our students to feel safe and continue to focus on their learning. I assure you that our students, families, and staff's safety and well-being is our highest priority in the event of a Covid-19 exposure event at our school.

We will always strive for excellence in education for all students. Our staff are equipped and ready to pivot to an offsite education model on a couple of days' notice if mandated by our provincial health authority. We also will continue to lean not on our own understanding but to lean on our ever-faithful God. We will seek to be a Christ-like community and prayerfully care and love all within our village.

The current pandemic and global political landscape can cause polarizing and divisive view points. My constant prayer is for our Christ-centred KCS village to outwardly demonstrate love in place of division as we seek to be a light, both locally and globally, during this atypical time. Our students are doing great and the past couple of months have certainly exceeded my expectations. God is faithful all the time.

Blessings,



MIKE CAMPBELL
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Q: What is the difference between 'exposure' and 'an outbreak'?

A: Exposure is defined as coming into direct contact with someone who has the COVID-19 virus. An outbreak is explained as the occurrence of connected cases of COVID-19 in a given area or among a specific group of people during a specific period.

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