



PHASE 2 –GLA Reopening-Return to School

Welcome Parents and Students, faculty of Genuine Learning Academy:

GLA first day of school will be September 8, 2020. GLA will adhere to all Provincial/Ministry guidelines/Cleaning/Safety to ensure a safe return to school. At any time, GLA will deftly adapt to any of the the 5 stages depending on COVID /Provincial updates.

- GLA Parents of children with complex medical conditions or underlying risk factors should consult with their health care provider to determine their child’s level of risk regarding return to school
- Protective self-isolation recommended for children with severe immune compromise, and we wish to have your child join us for a GLA ZOOM Class in lieu of physical classroom.

GLA Parents can choose how they wish their child to be educated /No Outside visitors allowed in the school, you must call the administrative office before arrival, or Pickup of your child.

- Parents who do not want their child to attend in-person classes at GLA have the option to register their child for ZOOM online/ distributed learning or home-schooling. As GLA is a small number within the entire school (10) , we can safely adhere to all the safety guidelines, learning groups, physical spacing. We have already implemented Large tables /student equipped with sanitizer and tables widely spread out in our Vast Auditorium/Board Room.

International Students

All students who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-isolate for 14 days under both provincial and federal orders. This includes students who are attending school from abroad. See attached

<http://www.glaschool.com/2020/07/30/gla-international-student-arrival-covid-safety/> This is also found on glaschool.com website as well all newsletters and updated information for GLA during the Pandemic and the school year.

Enhanced Health & Safety Measures

GLA will continue to be cleaned more frequently, including classrooms and high touch areas like door knobs, toilet seats, keyboards and desks. Other changes include:

- Organizing students into [learning groups](#)
- Increased spacing between students in classrooms
- More individual and smaller group activities
- Limitations on assemblies and other large gatherings

Review the [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings \(PDF\)](#) for more information on K-12 health and safety measures.

Parent Responsibilities

- Monitor your child daily for symptoms
- Don't send your child to school if they are sick. **Anyone who is sick will not be allowed in school**
- Encourage your child to minimize physical contact with their friends

Student Responsibilities

- Wash your hands frequently, including before coming to school and before and after eating and breaks
- You will have access to hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available
- Label your personal items and do not share them
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve, cover your mouth.

Wearing Masks : *Masks are mandatory at GLA for all staff, faculty and students as per health guidelines.*
Students and staff are required to wear masks at GLA.

DROP OFFS

GLA Students have their parents/guardians' drop them off at the school, and will text or call the administrative office to alert them of their child's arrival. At this time GLA encourages/enforces NO bus rides for the students arrival /departure.

IF GLA student must take the bus, please follow below guidelines to ensure GLA Safety of all.

The [BCCDC public health guidelines for schools](#) include the following recommendations for student transportation on school buses:

- Buses should be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with BCCDC guidelines
- Buses should be loaded from back to front and offloaded from front to back
- If space is available, each student should have their own seat unless sharing with a member of their household
- Middle and secondary school students should wear non-medical masks,
 - No student should be required to wear a mask if they do not tolerate it
- Schools and school districts can consider a transparent barrier to separate the driver from the students
- Schools and school districts should use consistent and assigned seating where possible,
- Schools and school districts should keep up to date passenger lists to share with public health if contact tracing needs to occur

If You Feel Sick-GLA Students, faculty, community, PLEASE ADHERE to below:

The BCCDC guidelines for schools are firm. If any student or staff member has even mild symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19, they must not attend school.

- If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, protocols are in place for the person to be isolated and returned home as soon as possible
- Custodial staff would then clean and disinfect the area where the person had been isolated and any areas used by them
- Public health would be notified immediately of a potential case

FOOD: We encourage all parents to ensure their children have prepared lunches that are not sticky, messy or require licking of fingers and that they educate their children in frequent handwashing and not touching their faces, etc. GLA kitchen will be closed so please ensure your lunches do not need microwaving or refrigerator storages as these will be off limits.

If **anyone** at GLA tests positive for COVID-19, provincial measures are in place for public health to work with school administration on contact tracing.

- Public health officials will also work with school administration to determine what actions should be taken and if suspending in-class learning is necessary
- If any staff or student has been in contact with a COVID-positive person, they will be notified by public health officials and must self-isolate

In the Classroom

Student Learning Groups-GLA

AT GLA we have a small number of Students (10) in the school and they are currently separated with large table/student/Sanitizer for frequent handwashing and may be organized into [learning groups](#) for in-class instruction.

In-Class Instruction & Supports

Schools will be returning to full-time, in-class instruction provided that all required health and safety measures can be accommodated. This includes:

- A focus on mental health and well-being supports for students returning to school
- Full-time instruction for students with disabilities/diverse abilities and students requiring additional support
- Options for students with underlying complex medical needs

Curriculum, Assessment & Report Cards –GLA

The return to full in-class instruction in September will include the following:

- Provincial curriculum for all students at all grade levels
- Regular report cards
- Regular assessments at the classroom and provincial level

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities in GLA including sports, arts (including band and choir) can occur if physical distance can be maintained.

We are thrilled to be back in school and hope to have a wonderful, successful and safe academic journey at Genuine Learning Academy this year. Stay safe all and please contact the administrative office with any concerns or questions. gla.principal.lbell@gmail.com and /or info@glaschool.com as well our phone number: 604 857-2870.

Thank you,

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