

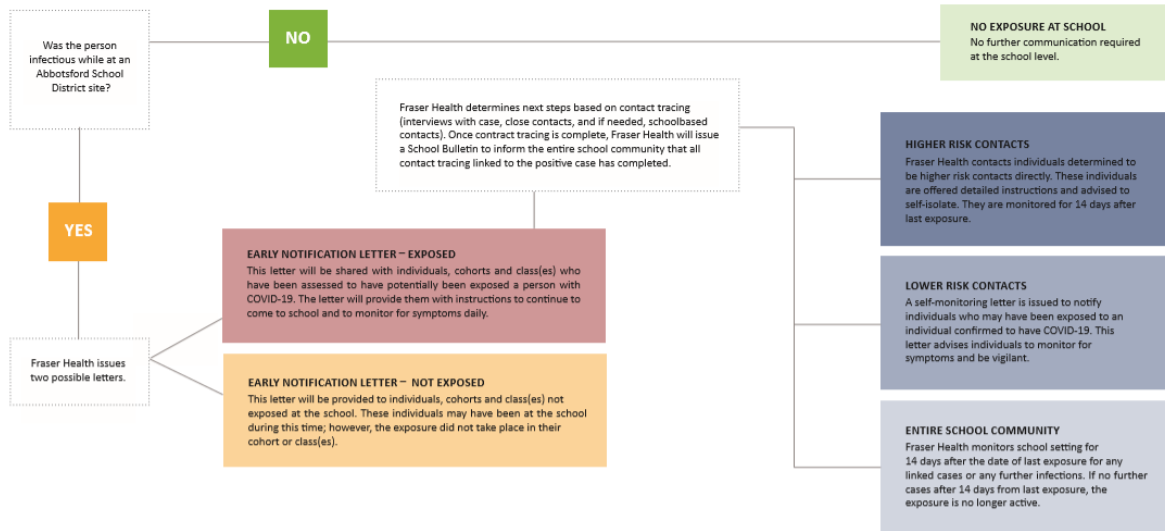


PAC – Principal’s Report – December 2020

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POSITIVE COVID-19 SCHOOL & HEALTH PROCESS

When a positive COVID-19 case is reported at an Abbotsford School District site, Fraser Health confirms the case and begins contact tracing. Below is the new notification process Abbotsford School District sites can expect for positive COVID-19 cases



ACCESS THESE CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:

Government Self Assessment <https://bc.thrive.health/>
 Tool WorkSafe BC <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates>
 BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC) <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

For Medical Concerns Call 8-1-1 or go to www.healthlink.bc.ca
 For Non-Medical Concerns Call 1-888-COVID19

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How is your child's learning experience at Rick Hansen DIFFERENT than prior to the pandemic (March of last year)?

More independent learning

My daughter has more time to work on the subjects. There is less confusion in her schoolwork.

It is totally different. Now they have just 2 courses for 10 weeks. This is really so beneficial because they can concentrate more on one course. It doesn't stress them out.

Well no school or half the school or online learning can never be same as the full school day but keeping in mind the COVID we as parents are happy with the efforts put by school board and it's fine as is for now.

Coping with new system during pandemic is sometimes difficult but school has handled it very well.

Good

Grades are lower because kids can't learn properly

The sense of stability is gone. Many parents are scared to send their kids to school but feel they have no choice. Learning has changed. There is very limited help for the kids that need it. Online learning does not work for everyone and in class learning has little learning support. My child literally feels hopeless regarding school.

He definitely has better connections with his teachers and classmates which is important.

It's less learning

The in-school learning was very good. But the online learning was a bit difficult for my child.

I feel that my children are not learning as much now. According to what I hear they are just touching the topics and not going in depth. They say that the other classes before the pandemic learned more and did much more work then.

Different. Uncomfortable.

It's not worse

Child is interacting more with the teacher.

It's good it is her first year in high school

For MacKenzie it took a bit of time to adjust

To much self directed learning and not enough time to keep up

So far good, found little easy to catch up the school work.

It is very fast paced and he does not like it as much as last year.

They do better in school then at home

it's little bit hard than before . Sometimes my son stuck with hard assignments. But teacher also trying their best to help.

It is more stressful due to the lack of time and learning in more serious academic subjects.

They both seem more stressed about school and it seems like they are spending more time doing homework and assignments than pre-pandemic.

online

Totally different as it's a pandemic online learning

Seems more rushed because classes are only 10 weeks long

Differences

Part time school with online learning in the afternoons. Isolation from school activities and friends. Less connection to teachers

It's too fast paced and intense due to its condensed form. Especially for slow learners it has been a challenge to learn different concepts in one day and understand them and be ready next day to move on ! Very less time for processing that information which led to too much stress and anxiety among kids ! With the format change something needs to be done reduce the amount of content or make it little lighter! It will be helpful for kids and teachers !It is especially hard for those kids who have both heavy work load courses!

They are more virtual and working on computers to complete their assignments.

The half online, half face to face is working quite well. Going completely online was tough for many students and I hope we don't find ourselves going back to that.

more stressful and needed more extra help especially for the weaker subjects

She seems to have much more homework and frustration

Its more stressful and confusing this year

Since our start in September, share an example of where your child may have felt frustrated by an experience at school?

My daughter is frustrated with the fact that she has math & French, and gym & foods together.

Honestly, my child didn't feel any kind of frustration since September.

My both kids go to grade 9 and they are okay with the system so no frustrations reported so far but I will check one more time.

My daughter is doing physics and calculus together and sometimes she find it difficult to do it online as in person classes are much better than online classes.

Nothing

So many covid cases, i feel frustrated too

Most kids are not wearing masks or following Covid rules. There is no enforcement. Kids sneezing and coughing in class. Causing anxiety for my child.

Sometimes he misses assignments being posted on Google Classroom or is unsure what to do. It definitely helps that he has his parents around to help when this happens.

Online Studies in school

She was stressed about the fact that all the work was rushed and squeezed between quarter 1. She cried twice because of stress and it's not good for her.

My children have felt frustrated quite a few times over this quarter . An example would be really tight due dates, or the teacher just rushing through the work and not explaining it properly. This makes them come frustrated and sometimes really sad.

3 hrs being too long for 1 class

That teachers aren't being sympathetic or even trying to understand what children are going through in these times.

The only frustration he has is not been able to ser his friends

Once MacKenzie started to use her tools it got much better. It's not the frustration of the school experience. It's when she uses the tools in class she feels weird cause the other kids don't. With her learning disabilities it can make MacKenzie feel akward. I have explained to her it not about the other kids education ,it about hers

Not enough time to learn and complete assignments

Not applicable

Math

Something when they couldn't get enough understanding for their assignments.

Lack of time, lack of practice, and lack of understanding in more complex lessons/learning.

Grade 11 daughter - one teacher repeatedly requiring students to attend in the afternoon for

quizzes, presentations, reviews etc, even though they are supposed to be online in the afternoon. She has had to miss most of her Athlete Performance sessions because of this. We paid for this program and it is the only physical activity (team/group/sport) our two daughters are currently involved in.

Grade 12 daughter - one teacher only had two or three calls total with the kids during their 5 weeks online.

Definitely difficult for the kids to make Athlete Performance sessions at 11:45am - 12:45pm if they have a 1pm call with the teacher or if they have to stay in the afternoon as explained above (even though they are getting an A in that course).

Online learning as when my kid get his first class of his language as online learning he is so frustrated bcoz he didn't meet his teacher face to face .

Nothing

Not feeling as engaged in her learning. A disconnection from her online classes, definitely harder for her to learn in an online setting.

First five weeks in September he came home very stressed and worried and told me that he is going to fail his math course and even decided to quit that course ! I arranged tutor for him at home which was another challenge to find someone during Covid to help him ! After that help he started getting good marks so problem was that course as too fast for his style ! No time to understand things in school ! Also friends are not visiting one another to study due to Covid leaving some in their own to figure out things !

The kids were not able to complete their group project due to an error because of the website that's being used. It didn't provide the assignment on time n didn't give the peer review back on time.

was struggling a lot with maths and with a limited amount of time was not either helping.

Not being able to get help for questions right away in online portions, but as time progressed she was able to adapt and find resources to help her succeed

5 weeks continuing with one subject is hard for them . they are getting board

Since our start in September, share an example of where your child experienced success or felt supported by staff?

Emails are answered in a timely manner

She has had quick responses when help from teachers was needed. "Mr. Gill usually replies within 5 minutes!"

Teachers are doing more than before in teaching. It also reflects the marks of my child.

Staff is supportive to the kids all the time. One of my kid learned to make tachos in her food prep class so she was very excited and other kid learned about all the revolutions of world in his assignments so they both felt happy to learn different things and scoring good marks. But the social study subject has way too many assignments I feel.

The staff has been very supportive throughout the pandemic and followed all the required protocols.

She is getting support everyday

Never

None

He is really feeling connected with his band/French teacher. His teacher would open the band room to allow students (in his class) to meet. This was especially beneficial after Gary's close friend passed away.

In school

She loved the fact that teachers were willing to help physically and mentally.

One of my child's teacher has a really good teacher that replies to my child's email usually within the hour. This had my child feel really supported throughout the digital learning.

Finishes work and tries to fill time by surfing the web, reading, watching a movie

After the first covid case many kids didn't show up at school and the teacher did not care.

Both his teachers have really been helpful

Ms grozell has been so wonderful and her case manager ms kooner .MacKenzie has been doing really well in french and with all the support and care especially in the pass few weeks with all that happened. It gives me a lot of comfort knowing that not just MacKenzie but all the children. Are being cared for. MacKenzie is enjoying high school

Connections is helpful for my child

I couldn't remember any example but his experience is great.

He said that the staff is very supportive and the teachers they to help as much as they can French

He is doing so good in English, When he got good grade he felt so good. When he couldn't find enough material for homework, teacher helped through emails.

Teachers being accepting and doing their part as much as they can due to time. Not too many assignments or tests altogether.

Mr Munro took the time to listen to the Physics 12 class in the first half of the quarter when they were feeling frustrated about the work load of having Physics 12 and Calculus 12 in the same quarter.

extra support from teachers

Ms Sonia Gill helped my kid when ever he need either it's online or face to face after his face to face class went online .

My child feels they get there work done more then last year because there is barely any time to not do there work.

The interview with her Teacher definitely helped develop a connection at the beginning of the year.

After kids brought their concerns to their teacher she did some changes to her coursework and also they were allowed to do redo's which they really appreciated ! I think as this new format was new to teachers during September now maybe they will be more comfortable and more flexible for next quarter ! It was a learning experience for all!

The suggestions provided by the teachers to help the students with their assignments and its understanding is much appreciated.

My child felt supported by staff and appreciated the fact that they were available at the school even during the "online" afternoons.

My daughter was new to the school and she loved both her teachers and she felt very supported especially when she was struggling and her teachers encouraged her to keep trying.

only during PE class when she was going ahead of whole class when they go out for walk. her teacher encouraged her and passed positive comments. she was feeling good

What is something that is working well in our new quarter system and has surprised your child about themselves?

He can handle it

More focus on the subject matter.

Mostly my child liked just 2 courses in one quarter. It gives more time to concentrate on studies.

They like the new system because of some school time. That made them happy.

They came to know that even though the syllabus was condensed they were able to keep up by pushing themselves

All is good

Nothing child isn't doing well in school

No

He is seeing more success in French. I believe it is because he is learning this every day.

3 hours school learning

Nothing much has surprised me about the quarter system.

In class is easier than online class

For MacKenzie it's feeling that is doing well in class french was really hard for at first. But once she started to asked for help and using her tools everything fell in place and she knows that she has extra support.

Nothing

More time to concentrate on the subjects

Something that is working well is that he has more time to spend with the family

French

No, he doesn't have any comment

Only 2 classes instead of 4.

That they are able to be disciplined enough to do online schooling.

everything is new for us in this year.

My kid like this quarter system because he doesn't get bundled up with homework of all subjects.

Many things

First quarter was hard for him but he was happy that he got Active living course with Math which made it easier for him to manage Math which was a very heavy workload course !

They had more time to focus on one subject at a time.

Having to only focus on 2 classes at a time is helping students with time management.

I think for most part she learned that she learned that she could be responsible making school work her priority and she could be successful even though sometimes she had some challenges

they really didn't like one subject for 5 weeks long .

If you could wave a magic wand to create a better learning experience for you child, what change would you make?

I would keep the quarter system, and ditch the cohorts. She is new to Hansen, and can't really check out the school or see her friends.

My child's class ends at 11:35 am. I guess till that time they should have both classes in person. So that they could take more help from their teachers. Which is better than online classes.

I will make the COVID go away and bring back the old normal days but if that's not possible then I will make sure that kids are getting balance of homework and play time and physical exercise in gym again. Other than that you guys are doing best you can. We as parents say thank you for your hard work.

I would turn quarterly system back to semester system so that they can study with ease Full day again

No in person school all should be online

Have masks mandatory for everyone and smaller class sizes. Specialized and safe one on one help for those students who require it.

Less online more school studies

I would make it all online learning or all in-school learning. It stresses out students to separate online and in-school learning

I would make sure that my children are getting to learn everything they are supposed to in the class they have taken and make them have more time for due dates and test.

Make it back to previous schedule, but under the circumstances to be able to understand how to work on classes online in school

Be sympathetic and understanding of where the students are coming from in these times

I would love it if my child could actually have the teacher online with him when he is doing his work.

It's too early to tell right now. As long as MacKenzie is happy and knowing she has all the support and that she lets the teacher know when she needs help so far from what I see and hear it's good

The only change would be a little less running in gym class that the only complaint from her lol

Regular semesters again

None

To have the system like last year

I don't know

Enough support that they need for their school assignments.

Different ways of teaching instead of sticking to a routine or worksheets etc.

To have the afternoon/online teachers available every afternoon for a segment of time to be able to answer questions and give guidance when the students get stuck on things.

To have the online portion of the courses more interactive instead of just watching videos of lessons.

Switch every 1 or at least 2 weeks between in-class instruction and online instruction. 5 weeks before switching is too long.

try to give them support as much as I can for study.

Full time learning for elective courses if not at least one day in a week

Nothing

Full time in class learning would be my first choice or perhaps a better connection/communication to the afternoon online classes.

If they have less time to finish their course so content should be reduced too !

We are happy with the fact that students still have some face-to-face instruction as we think it is quite beneficial for their learning.

provide more opportunity and time to rewrite the exams or assignments to improve the marks

Maybe go back to all f2f learning and not have to cram a whole challenging academic workload into such a short period of time

staying home and learning online option for all students is best . if they don't understand anything online , there should be teacher available at school, so they can book an appointment for half an hour .

not feeling comfortable sending them to school during this pandemic.

