



# L'École Secondaire Oak Bay High

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## Lunchtime Arrangements at Oak Bay High

Oct. 2, 2020

Oak Bay High Learning Community,

As we move deeper into the Fall we know that the chances of inclement weather increase. To date, the school has been encouraging students to leave the building during the lunch break in order to best support cleaning and provide students with the safest possible environment to eat their lunch. While this has largely been working well, it's prudent to have a plan in place for those days when inclement weather will dictate an indoor option.

The letter linked below was shared with students on Sept. 18th and summarized the school's outdoor expectations and rationale for them. [Letter for Sept. 18th](#) The school still feels strongly that the outdoor option best supports our communities collective health and safety. This will remain as our default plan, implemented as often as possible.

On days when weather dictates an indoor option, the following plan will be implemented.

Students will be given two options:

**Option #1-** Students can choose to leave the building, but will be encouraged not to reenter until 12:10 (15mins prior to the start of the afternoon class).

**Option #2-** Students can choose to stay in their morning classroom, but they will not be able to eat in the hallways or other common spaces. Student supervision will look similar to traditional elementary and middle school lunchtime practices with Education Assistants providing the bulk of the supervision while they roam the halls in a designated area.

- In some cases, depending on class size and classroom factors, it may be necessary to relocate students to an alternative room.
- During Term 1 when the majority of students have morning classes but only half have an afternoon class, students without an afternoon class will be expected to make their way home to engage in their Student-Directed Learning.
- During Term 2 when the majority of students have afternoon classes but only half have a morning class, students without a morning class will be expected to not arrive at school prior to 12:10 (15mins prior to the start of their own class). Exceptions will be made for students with classes occurring during the lunch break.

The majority of students continue to meet expectations during lunch: social distancing; wearing masks; and not congregating in large groups on (or off) school grounds. However, the school continues to field regular communication from community members and local businesses highlighting concerning behaviours. If possible, please reinforce both school and community Health & Safety measures with your child/ren and we will do the same on our end.

Sincerely,

Oak Bay High Administration