



Welcome!

We look forward to working with you as partners in the education and development of your child. Your involvement, participation and interest in our school community will benefit your child and Fulham School.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education. Together we will have a great year!

Our Mission Statement

In conjunction with the community, our mission is to inspire all students to develop a passion for lifelong learning and to become engaged, active, informed, responsible citizens within a global community.

Our School Philosophy

We believe that the primary purpose of our school is to assist each child in achieving his/her full potential as an individual and as a social being. Children need to develop self-discipline and self-respect as well as respect and tolerance towards others. We believe that this can best be achieved in a warm supportive environment based upon mutual trust and respect.

How to Contact Us

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Fulham School is NUT AWARE & SCENT FREE.

Please do NOT bring ANY peanuts or tree nut products into our school.
Please do NOT wear scented clothing or wear perfume into our school.



Our School Day

Bell times	Regular Day Mon. -Fri.
School Starts	8:30
Classes Start	8:35
Recess	10:30
Classes Resume	10:45
Lunch Recess	12:00
Lunch	12:30
Classes Resume	12:50
Recess	2:00
Classes Resume	2:15
Dismissal	3:13

If students arrive prior to 8:20a.m., they are to remain in the library quietly reading until there is supervision outside, at which time they may join the bus students on the playground.

Attendance

Attendance is taken each morning and afternoon. If you know your child is to be away, please inform the classroom teacher and/or notify the office. Parents of students, whose absence is unaccounted for, will be contacted by the office as a way of ensuring the safety of the student.

Communication with Parents

1. Parents needing to visit the school for a meeting with staff should try to make an appointment.
2. Memos are sent to parents via the youngest member of the family that is attending school, when there is a change in school schedule, to announce special activities and to pass on information.
3. Newsletters are sent out at the beginning of each month through email to inform parents of the proposed program for that month. These newsletters can also be viewed on our webpage.
4. Each student is given an agenda to be used as a communication tool with the classroom teacher.
5. Report cards will be sent home during December, April and June. Parent/teacher conferences are formally held in October and February.
6. A weekly phone message and email from the principal is sent out every Sunday.

Safety Drills

Fire:

Regular and alternate maps (fire routes) are posted in the classrooms and practices are held at intervals throughout the year.

Procedures:

1. Students and teachers will move directly to the exit door, not stopping to pick up materials or clothing on their way out. (That is why students should always be wearing shoes.)
2. Students will move out in a quiet and orderly fashion to designated areas.
3. Teachers will take attendance when outside. In the event of an actual fire students will be escorted across the road to the Fulham Community Hall.

Lock-downs, On-alerts, Hold and Secure, Shelter-in-place:

Students and staff will also practise other safety drills throughout the year. If a situation arises when it is safest for students to remain in the school but a threat is present, then a Lock-down situation may occur. On-alerts are used when there may be a reason that moving around in the school could be dangerous. Hold and Secure drills are practiced for when there may be a need to protect yourself from falling or flying debris. Staff have been in-serviced on the proper protocol for all safety drills. If you have questions please ask your classroom teacher or principal.

Bussing

1. As per GYPSD Policy 17, Transportation Services does not provide busing for non-registered riders. Families may request a single ride for a registered student on a different bus in the case of emergency childcare, which may be granted if special conditions are met. The bus will not deviate from its normal route or time nor will it make special stops.
2. Students must be appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.
3. The bus will not run if the temperature drops to dangerous levels or if stormy weather or road conditions make bus travel unsafe. The driver will attempt to phone all parents on his/her bus run to notify them that the bus is not running that day. Division wide or individual school closures will be announced on the Divisional web site and the Bus Status app.
4. Please call your bus driver as soon as possible if you know that your child will not be on the bus in the morning.
5. It is highly recommended that you sign up for the Bus Status app. This app is available for iPhone or Android phones and is free of charge. Through this app, you will receive immediate notice of any bus delays or cancellations.

Footwear

Students should have proper boots to wear on wet, muddy days, and warm boots for winter. Outside boots must be taken off in the boot room. Light non-marking footwear is necessary for inside wear, especially since we are required to have fire drills. Proper fitting non-marking running shoes are required for Phys. Ed. class.

We ask that visitors to our school also remove wet and dirty outside footwear.

Going Outside at Recess and Noon

1. Generally, students who go outside feel more alert and work better; therefore, teachers expect children to go outside at recess and noon hour unless the weather is severe.
2. We strongly believe that if a student is too ill to go outside at breaks then, for their own sake and for the sake of the other students, they should be at home in bed.

ILLNESS OF STUDENTS

1. If a child becomes ill during the school day, parents (or alternate emergency numbers) are informed immediately by telephone, whenever this is possible.
2. If it is not possible to contact the parents immediately, and medical attention is deemed advisable, the Principal or her designate arranges for the child to be examined by a doctor.
3. Every effort is made to inform parents or guardians of the child of the illness and have them assume custody of the child.
4. There is a Sick Room available at school for students who require it. However, students who are too ill to be in class should be at home. Students deemed to be ill must be picked up by a parent/guardian within one hour of notification.

ORAL MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

On request by a parent, oral medication may be administered by school division personnel during school hours or during a school sponsored activity, subject to the following regulations.

1. The principal shall designate someone within the school to administer the medication.
2. Written instructions signed by the parents and physician will be required and will include the following:

a) name of child	e) dosage
b) name of medication	f) possible side effects, and required counter measures
c) purpose of medication	g) duration of the treatment
d) time to be administered	
3. The parents of the student must assume responsibility for advising the principal of any change in the student's health or change in medication.
4. The principal must have the discretion to reject requests for administration of medication.
5. Any medication remaining at the end of the designated administration period shall be returned to the parents.
6. The medication will be labelled and stored so it is inaccessible to students.

School Wide Behavioral Expectations

	Be Organized	Be Cooperative	Be Kind	Be Safe
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Respond promptly to bells - Bring in equipment and belongings - Put garbage in the garbage cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Listen to all supervisors - Respect others' space, property and feelings - Take turns - Choose teams fairly - Play by agreed upon rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use encouraging words instead of teasing words - Include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Follow playground rules - Stay in the perimeter -Think before you act -Hands to yourself - Use equipment properly
Hallway/boot room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep boot racks, cubbies, hooks and lockers neat -Put personal items away properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enjoy hallway displays, but don't touch -Stop and say "hello" before entering other classrooms and staffroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use positive language -Be courteous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep hands, feet and objects to self -Walk -Older students yield to younger students -Walk to your right -Walk facing forward
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be on time and prepared for class -Keep desk area tidy -Complete assigned tasks in a timely manner -Put garbage in the garbage cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Talk and work quietly -Ask permission to leave -Let others learn without interruption -Respect the property of the school, teachers, other students, and your own. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use positive and encouraging language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wear shoes -Walk -Keep hands and feet to self -Sit on chairs properly -Report when things are broken
Lunch/Snack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep eating area clean -Return lunch kit to proper place when done eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use good table manners -Clean up after yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use polite language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eat your OWN lunch -Throw away your garbage -Clean up spills
Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be ready on time -Return equipment to proper location -Wear proper gym shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Include others -Show good sportsmanship -Wait for directions -Use an indoor voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be encouraging -Be kind about both winning and losing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Play by rules -Use equipment properly -Follow directions -Think before you act
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Push in chairs -If you handle a book you are not taking out, return it to its proper place -Put garbage in garbage cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sit only in designated areas -Use computers properly with permission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use an inside voice -Respect property -Return borrowed material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Walk -Use only with permission -sit on chairs properly
Bathroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Put garbage in the garbage can 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use appropriate amount of soap, paper towel and toilet paper -Wash hands well for the correct amount of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Flush -Respect others' privacy -Use a quiet voice -Use polite language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wear shoes -Use facilities properly
Bus Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Have your belongings with you -Zip up your bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep walkway clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use polite language -Make sure everyone is on the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Walk in a single file -Line up along the chain -Keep walking to the playground when a bus turns into the driveway- the bus will wait

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Computer Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only print school related material with permission -Leave the iPad and/or laptop clean and close the cover when not in use -Log on and off properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use Internet only as directed by supervisor -Have your name on your own personal computer -Respect equipment and other people's work -No food or drinks nearby -Wear headsets when sound is on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use appropriate language when communicating with other -Let teacher know when battery is getting low, so that they may connect it to a charger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only visit appropriate Web sites -Use devices only when supervised by an adult -Report inappropriate content

Anti-Bullying Policy

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division has devised a policy in regards to bullying that may occur on and off school property. This document is available on the gypsd.ca website under the Our Division section; click on administrative procedures, 300 students, and find AP310 Appendix- Division-wide Bullying Prevention. On this site you will also find the Division's new policy, AP352- Illegal or inappropriate substance use protocols and procedures.

Fulham School does not tolerate any of these behaviors. If your child is aware of these behaviors occurring on or around our school, please inform the principal so that the appropriate actions can be taken.

Library

1. Our students are encouraged to use the school library. They may exchange their books on a weekly basis, or renew them for a few extra weeks. Students may have two books signed out at any given time.
2. In the event that books are damaged or lost, we will bill parents so that we may replace those books. If the parents do not pay for the damaged books in a timely manner, the student will only be allowed to withdraw one book at a time and it **MUST** be kept at school until the fees have been paid.



Electronic Devices at School

We have asked the students who bring iPods, DSs, and other handheld devices to leave them in their backpacks during school hours unless their teacher has given permission to use them. We understand that some students have longer bus rides and use these devices on the bus; however, students should not use their personal devices to take photos of other students at any time. Recess time is intended for students to socialize with other students, not to be playing games by themselves. As well, there are many ways that student wellbeing can be affected in a negative way (picture taken without permission, messages sent about other students, etc.). If an electronic device is seen by an adult during school hours, it will be taken away until the parent can come and pick it up.

Extra-Curricular Activities

If your child is staying for an activity, please inform the bus drivers, the classroom teacher and the organizing adult. Students are reminded that school rules and behavior expectations remain in effect during all extra-curricular activities.

Special Events

It is customary to hold parties for the children at Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.

It is also a tradition in this school to hold an annual concert at Christmas, in which all classes participate. The concert is a good experience for both parents and pupils. There is usually a dress rehearsal and two performances for the public.

Drama Week is generally held during March, in which all students participate in some capacity. The performances are held on the final day.

Special activities are planned for the end of June each year.

Some parents object on religious grounds to their children taking part in these special events. Parental wishes in these matters shall be respected. The children concerned are engaged in worthwhile activities or may stay at home on these days if the parent so requests.

Awards

Citizenship Awards are awarded to students in kindergarten to Grade 5 who demonstrate the characteristics of good citizenship.

The John Meyer Memorial Award is awarded to a Grade 6 student who consistently demonstrates the characteristics of a socially responsible citizen.

The Debra Anne Camarta Memorial Fine Arts Award is presented to a student in Grade Five or Six who demonstrates a positive attitude in the area of Fine Arts and effort in learning new skills and improving familiar ones.

The Garth Grigat Memorial Award is presented to a Grade Five or Six student who displays a positive language learning attitude and demonstrates a competence in their first language and in learning a second.

The Amanda Johnston Memorial Award is presented to a student with a happy disposition, positive attitude toward school, is helpful and enjoys working with younger students.

Awards are presented at the Grade 6 Farewell and Kindergarten Ceremony in June.