



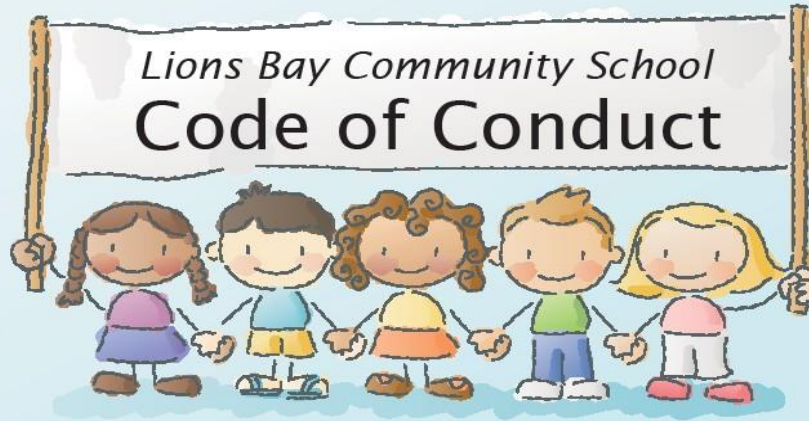
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## Statement of Purpose

*Lions Bay School is committed to:*

- creating and maintaining a safe, caring, orderly and productive learning environment where students accept personal responsibility for themselves and the school community.
- creating an environment where students feel safe, respected, free to learn without unnecessary distraction and have a strong sense of belonging within the school setting.
- establishing clear expectations for student behavior at school, travelling to and from school and while participating in school functions or any activities at any time that may impact the school environment - including on-line behavior (e.g., on-line postings, blogs, etc.) and communication with electronic devices (e.g., email, text messages, etc.)
- promoting the values expressed in the BC Human Rights Code respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law - prohibiting discrimination based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and age - in respect of discriminatory publication and discrimination in accommodation, service and facility in the school environment.



The students, staff and community of Lions Bay Community School are committed to creating a nurturing and challenging learning environment.

We work together to:

- Be Kind
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Fair and Honest

## Behavior Expectations

Lions Bay prides itself on helping children become responsible citizens. As such, we only support behaviors that show:

- Responsibility
- Self-discipline
- Student Leadership



We DO NOT accept behavior that:

- Hurts others in any way
- Interferes with the learning of others
- Is unsafe

All students are to adhere to the code of conduct at all times. Students involved in actions or behaviours that are contrary to the Code of Conduct will be expected to repair all harm done. When applicable, disciplinary action will be conducted in a restorative manner.

## School Schedule

School hours are from 8:40 am – 2:45 pm. The Bell Schedule is as follows:

- 8:40 am (Welcoming bell)
- 8:45 am – 10:15 am (Instructional Time)
- 10:15 am – 10:35 am (Recess)
- 12:05 pm – 12:25 pm (outside play)
- 12:25 pm – 12:50 pm (lunch)
- 12:50 pm – 2:45 pm (Instructional Time)
- 2:45 pm (Dismissal)



## Office Hours

Office hours are from 8:15 am – 1:15 pm Monday through Friday.  
*Emergency messages* after 1:15 may be emailed to the Vice Principal and classroom teachers.

## Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Parking for student drop off and pick up is restricted to the top Bayview and lower field lots. Please **DO NOT** park in the fire lanes at the top of the stairs or in the no parking zones marked in the lower field lot - these areas **MUST** remain clear. The school driveway/parking area is for staff only.

## Arrivals

The first bell indicates the children may enter the school to set up for the day. As of 8:45 students not in their classrooms will be considered late. Chronic lateness is disruptive to programs already underway. Please stress with your child the importance of punctuality and ensure that they are at school by 8:40 a.m. Curriculum instruction begins at 8:45, so please ensure your child is on time and ready for school. Late arrivals must report to the office first before going to their classroom. It is very important to arrive at school on time.

## Call Back Program

At Lions Bay we want to ensure the safe arrival of all our students. Please call the school or email both the office and your child's teacher on occasions when your child is going to be absent or late. The office will call to ensure your child's safety in the event that your child is absent from school.

## Rainy Day Policy



Only under extreme weather conditions will recess be indoors. Students are expected to play outside at recess and lunch and wear appropriate outdoor clothing for local weather conditions.



## School District Snow Closures



The decision to close the school is made by the Superintendent, who will contact local radio stations if the school will be closed. The most current school closure information is available online at [www.westvancouver schools.ca](http://www.westvancouver schools.ca) and will be broadcast on local radio stations (e.g., AM 690).

## Emergencies/Emergency Release

In the unlikely event of an earthquake or other disaster, the school will follow our emergency release procedures. When guardians come to pick up their child they *must provide photo ID* for their child to be released. If you wish your child to be released with another parent, his or her name *must* be on your child's emergency release form and they must present their photo identification. At school, we regularly practice fire drills and earthquake safety drills. The Lions Bay PAC maintains a locker of emergency supplies in a container outside on the gravel field.

## Bicycles, Skateboards & In-line Skates

Students are not to bring skateboards, scooters or in-line roller skates to school unless for a supervised school sponsored program. Students who ride their bikes to school are reminded to wear helmets and are asked to walk their bikes while on school grounds and park them in the designated area at the top of the school.

## Wild Animal/Bear Awareness

Lions Bay is fortunate to be located in a wonderful rain forest. The children enjoy playing in the forest during recess and lunch. Along with this great privilege comes great responsibility, as the forest also is home to wild animals. To prevent animals from being attracted to our playground students are asked to pick up their garbage during recess and lunch and pack out all wrappers and uneaten food. In the event that a wild animal that may be dangerous is in the village area, we will close the forest and soccer field and students will be only permitted to play on the fenced playground. In the off chance a bear or dangerous wild animal is seen on school property, the school will hold indoor recesses, and the proper authorities will be notified of the animal presence.



## No Dogs Policy

As much as we love having our pets around children, not all dogs and children get along, and some students may be allergic or frightened. In keeping with the West Vancouver school district policies, ***NO DOGS are permitted on school property.*** If you are bringing your dog with you, please securely tie your pet up away from the school prior to visiting.



## Allergy Aware Zone - No Nuts Please!

Due to the seriousness and potentially life-threatening nature of nut allergies, we are reminding all families to please NOT bring peanut butter, peanuts, or any products that contain nuts. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for all students.



## School Updates/Communication

West Vancouver School District communicates information through school websites. It is encouraged that all families “bookmark” the Lions Bay website as one of their “favourites”.



For special events and immediate updates we will continue to send out email alerts that will guide you to the information on the website.

Thursdays will be designated as email update days, where upcoming events and information will be highlighted.

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