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We are so pleased to be reconnecting with our StrongStart families. Many of you have been connecting with our StrongStart educators through our virtual StrongStart opportunities, such as the NLPS StrongStart Site, their Facebook pages, the Play Packs, and our Virtual Live Circle Times with Teams.

At this time, we have been working hard to plan indoor StrongStart visits. We will prioritize safety for children, families, and staff. **Beginning Monday, January 18th**, our StrongStart Centres will begin with small groups **by booking registered families online prior to attending**. Families will need to **choose one site to attend**. We will not have drop in visits at this time.

If you are not registered, you can now complete the [registration form online](#). You can also now upload the required documentation, your child’s birth certificate or passport. If you would prefer to hand in a hard copy registration, please call the school and arrange with the StrongStart Educator to drop off registration paperwork and supporting documentation, prior to booking online.

To ensure space is available within our COVID restrictions, families will need to pre-book a visit to the StrongStart centre. Booking information can be found here: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/early-years/strong-start/>

StrongStart is operating with a reduced number of families at a time and reduced hours. We understand that you might have to wait a while before you can attend a centre and we appreciate your patience. When attending, please only have **1 adult per family who will attend each time** with their child/children, as each room has a capacity for 8 attendees; this is the total number of adults and children. Families are asked to limit their attendance to **one site only** due to COVID 19 and complete the [Daily Health Check](#). At this time, families are able to sign up for **one day per week** for either the Tuesdays **or** Thursdays of the month to ensure consistency and fairness. Once your online booking is complete, you will receive your welcome email that includes information about attending StrongStart during Stage 2.

NLPS StrongStart Schools	StrongStart Facilitator	Room Capacity Per Day
Bayview Elementary	Janet Birch	8
Cedar Elementary	Selena Lee	8
Fairview Elementary	April Koropecki	8
Frank J Ney Elementary	Shailu Miguez	8
Georgia Ave Elementary	Sherry Welte	8
Ladysmith Primary School	Hiromi Tollefson	8
McGirr Elementary	Michelle Moore	8
Quarterway Elementary	Myra Hawker	8

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school StrongStart Facilitator or one of us. On behalf of the Early Years Team, we thank-you for your patience and look forward to seeing you soon.

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