

**Return To School Sport Plan**  
**Sardis Secondary School- Football**  
**Message To Parents/Guardians**

**First Practice:**

The first football practice for the Sardis Falcons Football Team is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Tentative start time is 5PM. The coaching staff anticipates practicing 2-3 times per week. The first week will be without equipment. Team equipment will be issued afterwards. This practice is open to all Sardis students, grades 9 through 12.

**Safety Protocols for Football:**

The Sardis Secondary School football return to play plan will adhere to the guidelines set forth under the B.C. School Sports- Return To School Sport Plan. As of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we are working in stage 2 of the plan. Stage 2 specifies that intra-School activities within educational cohorts are permitted. For clarity, during stage 2, we cannot compete against other schools in scrimmages and games. There is no inter-school competition permitted. Practices will, at minimum, respect the current regulations limiting contact within Provincially mandated cohorts. Out of cohort participants will be required to wear masks and physically distance.

In consultation with Mr. Brad Geary, Sardis Secondary School Athletic Director, and Mr. Dan Heisler, Principal, Sardis Secondary School, the football coaches are aware of their responsibility to adhere to the Covid 19 policies and guidelines. Prior to the team's first practice, coaches will review risk mitigation strategies, outbreak protocols, and safety considerations. Coaches will be educated on several safety protocols which include: hand washing/ sanitization of equipment, masks, shared equipment, social distancing, group size (limits and designated cohorts), facility preparedness, and locker room/change room protocols. Each football practice will be organized to ensure that safety protocols are followed.

**Player Requirements:**

If you are interested in playing football this year, you must provide the following information to Coach Sukh Parmar and Mr. Richard Tagle by email ([coach.sukh.parmar@gmail.com](mailto:coach.sukh.parmar@gmail.com) and [Richard\\_tagle@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:Richard_tagle@sd33.bc.ca)):

1. Your name;
2. Your grade;
3. Your teacher's name for your current block;

4. Your email address and cell phone number; and
5. Your parent/guardian, name and emergency contact information including e-mail address.

**You must e-mail the coaches prior to this first practice so that training groups within cohorts can be established. Anyone who has not pre-registered will be turned away from the first practice.**

For our first practice, if you can, please wear white or black athletic shirt, black shorts, and football cleats.

Due to Covid 19, football practices will not be providing team water bottles. You are expected to bring your own water bottle. Please label it with your name and do not share it with teammates.

Mr. Tagle and I will be discussing the purchase of player packs. This includes team hoodies, shirts, and shorts. We will have more information soon on player packs and player registration.

There will be a very nominal charge for football participation this season. The small fee would be increased if the Province announces a return to limited competition with other schools.

As with Club sports, parents currently are asked not to watch practices. If a parent must stay, they are required to not enter the playing area and to stay back from the fence.

See you on the field.

Sincerely,

Sukh Parmar

Head Football Coach, Sardis Secondary

