

School District 84 · Vancouver Island West

# How Can We Help?

A short survey for parents &amp; families

Gold River · Tahsis · Zeballos · Kyuquot

## Welcome

SD84 wants to know what childcare your family needs.

This survey is **short — about 5 minutes**. Just check the boxes that fit your family.

**You can skip any question.** You can stop any time. Your answers are private.

**Don't want to write?** Call us and we'll do this together over the phone.

**Paper copies** are available at your school, StrongStart, and community offices.

**We'll share what we learn** with the community before any decisions are made.

## About Your Family

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### Where do you live?

- Gold River   
  Tahsis   
  Zeballos   
  Kyuquot  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### How old are your children? (Check all that apply)

- Under 1 year   
  1–2 years   
  3–4 years  
 5–6 years   
  7–8 years

## What's Going Well?

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### What childcare or early learning does your child go to right now? (Check all that apply)

- StrongStart   
  Preschool  
 Daycare or childcare centre   
  Family childcare (in a home)  
 Before or after school care   
  Family member or friend helps  
 Kyuquot Houpsitas Kindergarten   
  Cultural or language program  
 My child doesn't attend a program right now   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## What's Missing?

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### Is there childcare your family needs but can't get right now? (Check all that apply)

- Infant or toddler care   
  Full-day childcare (ages 3–5)  
 Part-time care (a few days a week)   
  Before school care  
 After school care   
  Care on Pro-D / non-instructional days  
 Summer or holiday care   
  Flexible or drop-in care  
 Our family's needs are being met right now   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Before & After School Care

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If before-school care were available at your child's school, would you use it?

- Yes    Maybe    No

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If after-school care were available at your child's school, would you use it?

- Yes    Maybe    No

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Would you use childcare on Pro-D days and other non-instructional days?

- Yes    Maybe    No

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How much would you pay per child, per day?

Before-school or after-school care:

- \$0–10    \$10–20    \$20–30    \$30+

A full non-instructional day:

- \$0–15    \$15–25    \$25–40    \$40+

## What Would Help Your Family?

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If new childcare options were created, what would help your family the most? (Pick up to 3)

- More childcare spaces    More affordable options  
 Before- or after-school care    Care on non-instructional days  
 Better hours that match my schedule    Help with transportation  
 Culture and language for my child    Support for my child's additional needs  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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How important is it to you that your child has the chance to connect to culture and language through early learning?

○	○	○	○	○	○
Not important	A little	Moderately	Important	Very important	Not sure

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What additional supports would help your child get ready for school? (Check all that apply)

- Visits to the school before starting    Meeting the teacher ahead of time  
 A gradual start (short days at first)    More early learning programs  
 Language and culture programs    Support for additional needs  
 My child is all set    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Did You Know?

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**There are BC programs that help with childcare costs. Have you heard of these?**

- \$10-a-Day ChildCareBC
- Fee Reduction (saves families up to \$900/month)
- Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB)
- I'm not sure what's available

**Have you been able to access any of these?**

- Yes
- No
- I've tried but had trouble
- I didn't know about them

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**SD84 runs a Children's Health Hub in Gold River. It offers free screening, referrals, and family support. Has your family used it?**

- Yes
- No
- I didn't know about it

## Anything Else?

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**Is there anything else you'd like us to know?** (Optional — write as much or as little as you'd like)

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- I'd rather share by phone or in person

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**How would you like to hear about this plan?** (Check all that apply)

- Email
- A community meeting
- Through my child's school
- Through my Nation's office
- Social media
- Phone call

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**Would you like us to follow up with you?** (Optional)

- No thanks
- Yes — Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best way to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank you!

Your input will help shape childcare in our communities for the next five years.

We'll share a summary of what we heard before any decisions are made.

**Want to talk instead?** Call or email us any time.

### Get in touch

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