



Back to School ~ September 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

While we hope to see all or most of our students return to school this September, we understand that families have requested options for various reasons. The options being provided by the Surrey School District are:

1. Return to school for full time face-to-face instruction
2. Register for "Surrey Blended: A Transition Model for K - 7"
3. Distributed Learning
4. Homeschooling

The information provided here is meant to help our families make the right decision for their children and families by September 8th, 2020.

"Surrey Blended: A Transition Learning Model" (K – 7)



Please refer to the information sent out by the Surrey School District and posted to both our school and district website about the Surrey Blended Learning Model.

Some points to consider:

- students will still be enrolled at Bayridge as their 'home school'
- students will be placed in an online class that may or may not be taught by a Bayridge teacher
- classroom teachers will not be doing both online teaching and classroom teaching like they did last June
- students may not be with their previous class/schoolmates; only with other students who have been enrolled in this program
- students will likely be placed in a multi age online class
- students will be taught online every morning by a designated teacher and will be given assignments to work on in the afternoon
- online teachers will be given time in the afternoon to collaborate with other online teachers and also with parents; helping them to work with their own children
- the Blended Learning Program will require parent involvement
- students will be encouraged to gradually attend one afternoon per week, increased over time to up to three afternoons per week with an opportunity to transition back to in-class instruction on Jan. 1st, 2021
- when students attend 1 - 3 afternoons per week, it may not be at Bayridge; it could be at a nearby school but with their online class and teacher

Week 1:

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Thursday September 10th and Friday September 11th are Student Orientation Days

Students in Grades 1 - 7 will attend on both of these days for 1 hour, according to this schedule:

Grades 1 - 4 ~ 9:00am - 10:00pm

Grades 5 - 7 ~ 11:00am - 12:00pm

Kindergarten Students:

Kindergarten Group A (Last Names A - L) on Thursday September 10 ~ 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Kindergarten Group B (Last Names M - Z) on Friday September 11 ~ 12:30pm - 1:30pm

*On the Orientation Days, students will be organized into groups of approx. 10 students in alphabetical order by their last name. They will be assigned a teacher and classroom to report to on Sept. 10 and 11 (Gr. 1-7). This small group will be with that teacher for the Orientation days/times. This is not their teacher for the year, nor their class/learning cohort.

*There will be signage up on September 10th and 11th, indicating where 'Grade Level' students are to initially meet before they go inside with a staff member for orientation. Staff will also be outside to help guide students. Please note, parents are not permitted inside the school building without a prior appointment.

Please know ...



- that although this school year will be different, it will still be great!
- we will work hard to make it the best possible place for your child...as always!
- we cannot wait to get back to doing what we know and what we love ... teaching and learning with your children ☺.

We hope this information will be helpful in making an informed decision that is best for your family at this time. If you have not done so already, please inform the office of your child(ren)'s intent to return to school for full time face-to-face instruction or please register for "Surrey Blended: A Transition Model" no later than September 8th, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times. We understand that every family's decision is unique and personal to their circumstances. We will respect whatever choice you make.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy return to school!