



ÉCOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr. Jonathan Vervaeet
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Good Afternoon Riverdale Families,

Thank you to all of you that filled out our survey last week. It provided the school and district with the information needed to get us a step closer to school opening next week. With this data the district is now offering parents a blended learning transition model.

On August 26th, the Surrey School District shared its [plans](#) to safely return to in-class instruction. These plans reflect the guidelines put forth by provincial health experts and the Ministry of Education and include the important steps our schools will take to safely welcome our students back in September.

We are confident in our plans, but we know that many of our families are nervous. In response to parent feedback and concerns, Surrey is now offering two options for Elementary students.

1) Full- time In Class Instruction

- Students safely return to full-time in-class instruction
- Set cohorts/learning groups (classes) between 30-60 students (generally much smaller)
- Physical distancing between cohorts and masks for adults
- Follow clear health and safety procedures
- Extensive daily cleaning
- Click here for detailed information [Full-time in-class instruction](#)

2) Surrey Blended Transition Program

- Combination of online and face-to-face learning
- Through local school, students remain registered at Riverdale Elementary
- Goal to gradually increase face-to-face instruction time
- Parents will need to be very involved in their children's learning and will attend weekly online support sessions
- Once children are enrolled in the Surrey Blended Option they may not be able to re-enter the regular program at Riverdale before January 2021
- Click here for detailed information [Blended Transition Program](#)
- **To register for the Blended Transition Program please complete this [form](#) by 4:00 p.m. September 8, 2020.**

For more information on this transition program, please review the following resources:

- [Elementary Transition Program fact sheet](#)
- [Superintendent video message for August 31](#)



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Thank you and we hope you are having a great summer.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vervaeet
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