



Cougar Creek Back to School 2020

Principal's Message

Hello Parents, Students, & Families,

This year has been an exceptional year in that we are planning for return to school in very uncertain times. First and foremost is the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students and staff. Our district teams have had a chance to plan the first weeks of school and what it will look like for staff and students, all the while, ensuring that health and safety is the number one priority. The staff will be in orientation sessions on Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th.

The first day back for our students will be Thursday, September 10th and will be an orientation day, along with Friday, September 11th. This will be a time for teachers to introduce, review, and practise health and safety protocols that align with current health guidelines. These protocols will continue to be

reinforced over the course of the coming days, weeks, and year, as the safety and comfort of our school community remains our priority. Please note, orientation groups will be smaller than regular class sizes and will not be your child's class for the year. Please see below for a detailed orientation schedule and meeting location details.

Students who have signed up for the Surrey Blended Elementary Transition Model will not attend school on September 10th & 11th, and instead, are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 21st, with orientation activities occurring online during the week of September 14th. School staff will connect with you with more detailed information before then.

On behalf of the staff of Cougar Creek Elementary, we would like to wish you a happy new school year. We hope everyone had a restful summer and spent quality time with close friends and family. As we enter a new school year, we would like to extend a special welcome to the families that are new to our community and our new Kindergarten families that are entering school for the first time. We look forward to working with you.

You can find details regarding the district's restart plans by visiting this link:
<https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>.

Kind Regards,

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Orientation Schedule & Meeting Locations

Sept. 11 & 12

September 10th and 11th - Student Orientation

We will have two days, of one hour sessions, for all our students in Grades 1-7 to familiarize them with new health and safety protocols. Students will be at school on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th for one hour each day to receive orientation from our staff. Kindergarten students will only attend on one day. Please respect physical distancing as you arrive at school. Please see below for the times and location for each grade level.

Parents who will be dropping off and picking up, please respect physical distancing and wait outside of the school at a pre-determined designated area for drop off and pick up for your child. Please come at the designated time and leave promptly when finished so that staff can prepare for the next group of students.

When students arrive at the school, please meet in the assigned location listed below. There will be signs posted and staff members will help students to find their location. The pre-determined groups of students will then travel to a classroom to do attendance and then begin their orientation. All students will be dismissed from their drop-off location.

Orientation Days for Students

Thursday, Sept. 10 & Friday, Sept. 11

Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Orientation Meeting Location

Grade 1 - Meet on blacktop in front of the large playground

Grade 2 - Meet on blacktop at the back of the school near tetherball posts

Grade 3 - Meet on lower grass field

Grade 4 - Meet on basketball court

Grades 5, 6 & 7 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Orientation Meeting Location

Grade 5 - Meet on blacktop in front of the large playground

Grade 6 - Meet on lower grass field

Grade 7 - Meet on basketball court

Kindergarten Group A (Last Name A - H) Thursday, September 10th

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meet on blacktop in front of the large playground (east side of school)

Kindergarten Group B (Last Name I - Z) Friday, September 11th

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Meet on blacktop in front of the large playground (east side of school)

Additional information regarding the Kindergarten gradual entry schedule for week two and three will be sent out in the next couple of days.

Unfortunately, at this time, we will not be allowing any unscheduled visitors inside the school building as we need to monitor the people coming and going from the building to protect the safety of our staff and students. If you need to arrange a meeting with a staff member, please make an appointment by calling the school office at 604-591-9098 or emailing cougarcreek@surreyschools.ca

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