



Forsyth Road Back to School 2020

September 1, 2020

Dear Forsyth Road Families,

Welcome back to the 2020/2021 school year. We hope that this newsletter finds your family safe and healthy. We want to take this opportunity to share with you some information regarding the opening week of school.

Yesterday, our school district unveiled information about the Surrey Blended: Transition Programs. The video message below from our Superintendent, Jordan Tinney, introduces Surrey Blended, which includes two transition programs, one at elementary and one at secondary (grades 8 and 9).

These programs will:

- Keep students enrolled in their school;
- Provide an option for online learning and face to face instruction; and
- Provide windows to return to school at defined points in the year.

The video is here: <https://vimeo.com/453330789>

There will be more details on the district website including registration information and specifics about each program. You can visit the district website here: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/Pages/default.aspx>. All parents interested in registering for this Surrey Blended program will need to complete this [form](#) by 4:00 p.m. September 8, 2020. If you are not interested in enrolling in this program, your child is welcome to attend school full-time.

For many of our families, the anticipation of school starting may be filled with much excitement, anxiety and uncertainty. Though this September will be like no other, we appreciate and are grateful for the opportunity to welcome our students back to our school building.

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** where they will attend for one hour and for another one hour on **Friday, September 11th**. You can find details regarding the district's restart plans by visiting this link: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/Pages/default.aspx>.

Below are more details about the first week of school with information about times and protocols for our students and families. Please take some time to review this information. Please note that during orientation students will not yet be placed in learning groups and staff will be helping students to physically distance. Orientation groups will be in smaller numbers than regular class sizes. In addition, while not mandatory, students are welcome to bring and wear a mask during the day. All students will be receiving two re-usable masks from the school district, but will not receive them until the second week when school commences and students are in learning groups.

We hope that you continue to stay safe and enjoy the last week of summer break.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Forbes

Student Orientation: Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th



September 10th and 11th - Student Orientation

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

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 604-588-8394 or emailing forsythroad@surreyschools.ca. Parents who will be dropping off and picking up, please respect physical distancing and wait outside of the school at a pre-determined designated areas 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.

9:00 am - 10:00 am - Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Orientation Meeting Location (Sept. 10 & 11)

Grade 1 - Meet on the Gravel Area (south of the swings)

Grade 2 - Meet around Basketball Court

Grade 3 - Meet on back Grass Field (south) by the soccer goal (Forsyth Road Park end)

Grade 4 - Meet on back Grass Field (north) by the soccer goal (Intermediate playground end)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Grades 5, 6 & 7 - Orientation Meeting Location (Sept. 10 & 11)

Grade 5 - Meet around Basketball Court

Grade 6 - Meet on back Grass Field (south) by the soccer goal (Forsyth Road Park end)

Grade 7 - Meet on back Grass Field (north) by the soccer goal (Intermediate playground end)

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Kindergarten - Orientation Meeting Location

Thursday, September 10th - Kindergarten Group A (Last Name A-M). Meet on the Basketball Court (north side of school).

Friday, September 11th - Kindergarten Group (Last Name N-Z). Meet on the Basketball Court (north side of school).

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