



# Hazelgrove Elementary School

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## Hazelgrove School Opening 2020 General Information

September 4, 2020

Dear Hazelgrove Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of our staff I would like to again welcome everyone back to a new school year! The purpose of this letter is to share some further information about school safety, procedures and reminders for the opening of school.

We know that this school year will be unlike anything we have experienced before. That said, we are confident that together we will support each other and have a great year. We can do this! Mrs. Schwab and I feel very fortunate to continue to work with the Hazelgrove community. We have a truly wonderful group of students, parents and staff who always come together.

Thank you again for your patience and flexibility as we begin to re-open our schools to our students. Due to the health and safety protocols in place by our District, parents are asked to email ([hazelgrove@surreyschools.ca](mailto:hazelgrove@surreyschools.ca)) or phone the school (604-574-0044) if they have any questions, as our building is closed to parents and visitors.

We know that challenges will continue to arise, but we will work together to overcome any obstacles. We will always do our best to be transparent and to keep parents informed. While many things at Hazelgrove will look different, what will not change is our commitment to keeping your children safe and our passion for learning. We look forward to welcoming students next Thursday and Friday and hope they are excited to return to school.

Thank you,

Paul Marsden,  
Principal,  
Hazelgrove Elementary

Kerry Schwab,  
Vice Principal,  
Hazelgrove Elementary

Antonio Vendramin,  
Principal,  
Maddaugh Elementary

### First Week of School and Orientation

A reminder that staff will be on site during the first week of school but students will not begin attending until Thursday, September 10 and will only be in attendance for one hour on the first two days of school. Students will be expected to attend both days of their scheduled orientation session. However, *students who have registered for Surrey Blended will not be attending orientation*. When students arrive at school, they will meet in their assigned location listed below. There will be signs posted and staff members will help students to find their location and put them in pre-determined groups of around ten. The groups will travel with the teacher to a classroom to do attendance and begin their orientation. All students will be dismissed from their drop off location.

#### 9:00 to 10:00 am – Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 Orientation Meeting Locations (Sept. 10 & 11)

Grade 1 – Meet in portable area behind tether ball court

Grade 2 – Meet on left side of the Hazelgrove back field along the fence (near far portables)

Grade 3 – Meet on right side of the Hazelgrove back field along the fence (near sand pit)

Grade 4 – Meet on Hazelgrove Park field along the wooden rail closest to the school

11:00 to 12:00 pm – Grades 5, 6, & 7 Orientation Meeting Locations (Sept. 10 & 11)

Grade 5 – Meet on left side of the Hazelgrove back field along the fence (near far portables)

Grade 6 – Meet on right side of the Hazelgrove back field along the fence (near sand pit)

Grade 7 – Meet on Hazelgrove Park field along the wooden rail closest to the school

12:30 to 1:30 pm – Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday, Sept. 10: Group A (surname A to L) – Meet at the Hazelgrove back field

Friday, Sept. 11: Group B (surname M to Z) – Meet at the Hazelgrove back field

*Kindergarten students in our Maddaugh Elementary classrooms will have a different schedule and meeting locations. This information has been shared with Maddaugh families directly. All other Maddaught students will attend orientation with Hazelgrove students.*

Bell Schedule

Students attending school will start full days in their permanent classrooms on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. For this day only students will have a staggered start to allow students to find their new classrooms :

- Kindergarten: start at 8:45 as per gradual entry schedule
- Grades 1 to 3: 8:30 am start (regular dismissal at 2:30 pm)
- Grades 4 to 7: 9:00 am start (regular dismissal at 2:30 pm)

Beginning Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> students will begin at the regular time (8:25 am welcome ball with class starting at 8:30 am). This year, we have decided to alter our recess and lunch times slightly to allow for fewer students outside. Here is the new schedule:

<b>Hazelgrove Updated Bell Schedule September 2020</b>	
8:25 a.m.	First Bell
8:30 a.m.	Classes Commence
10:05 a.m.	Recess Begins (Primary)
10:20 a.m.	Recess Ends (Primary)
10:20 a.m.	Recess Begins (Intermediate)
10:35 a.m.	Recess End (Intermediate)
11:45 a.m.	Lunch Begins
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary Students Eat Inside (20 min.)</li><li>• Intermediate Students Go Outside (20 min.)</li></ul>
12:05 p.m.	Primary Students Go Outside (20 min.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate Students Eat Inside (20 min.)</li></ul>
12:25	Transition Bell
12:30 p.m.	Classes Commence
2:30 p.m.	Classes Dismissed



Pick Up and Drop Off

Due to the size of our school population, we will be encouraging families to make choices that promote physical distance measures, such as

- Walking to school to avoid congestion in our front drop off area
- Dropping students off close to the first bell, rather than arriving really early and waiting
- Saying goodbye to children off school grounds (we have supervision outside 15 minutes before and after school)
- Going home directly after school rather than visiting the school playgrounds
- At this time, we are not staggering start and end times as many of our classrooms have their own entrances and exits which allows students to spread out.

## School Supplies

Due to the uncertainty around school start up this year, school supply lists were published at the very end of June. We asked teachers to create lists for each grade and you can find that information on our School Supplies page of the Hazelgrove website. Please click [here](#) to go to that page.

Some of our students have opted for the Surrey Blended program while other students will be attending school in person. With this in mind, students may not need all of the supplies listed on grade lists or may not need them until later in the year. You will likely have many of the supplies listed at home already. Parents are encouraged to re-use and recycle supplies from 2019-20. Please keep these points in mind as you shop or collect items from around your house over the summer.

Once again, parents will have the option of ordering school supplies through the company School Start. These orders are completely optional and parents may choose only the items they need from the list (a la carte style). Ordering supplies from School Start is a fundraising initiative from our PAC, but parents are also welcome to buy supplies from other retail stores as well. The choice is yours. If you are ordering supplies from School Start there is a document with instructions and deadlines on our website at the above link. We are unable to send home a hard copy of this document as we have in past years.

Thank you to parent Alyssa Wolanski for her time and effort coordinating supplies and working with School Start.

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*Parents are encouraged to consider the different options for school supplies next year.*

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## Health and Safety Protocols and Other School Documents

Please see the following documents (attached to the cover message) for information about how we are keeping students safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic as well as general information about our restart plan:

- Hazelgrove Health and Safety Protocols
- COVID-19 Daily Health Check and Symptoms
- BCCDC COVID-19 Guidance for K – 12 Schools
- BC Ministry of Education K – 12 Restart Plan
- Surrey School District Restart Plan (August 26)