



# Coast Meridian Elementary School

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Ey'Swayel Coast Meridian Families,

Happy New Year to all of our community. Without question the past two years have been simply unbelievable. In all likelihood, none of us imagined the pandemic which began in 2020 would still be with us in 2022. However, we continue to face the uncertainty, frustration and a host of other emotions in our efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Hopefully all of you have had a chance to read Dr. Jordan Tinney's memo emailed to families December 31. If you have not, please check your junk folder in your email inbox. Highlights from Dr. Tinney's message include:

- The government has [delayed regular instruction](#) in our schools until January 10
- School's priority is to set up supervision for students with special needs and for children of essential Health and Services Workers as defined on page one of this document [here](#)
- Staff will use the upcoming week to review Health and Safety orders and plan for the possibility of a functional closure due to lack of staff
- If you are a Health and Services worker, or if your child has special needs, email your school's principal (Tina Saito at [saito\\_t@surreyschools.ca](mailto:saito_t@surreyschools.ca)) to let them know that you intend to bring your child to school

## Student arrival and dismissal Monday January 3

- Any students coming to school on Monday January 3 will enter through the exterior doors of their grade appropriate classrooms. This will for extra spacing between grades and a point greeting for staff. The grade group rooms are as follows:
  - Kindergarten & Grade 1 – Ms. Pope's Room – Room 104
  - Grade 2 & 3 – Ms. Nijjar's Room – Room 303
  - Grade 4 & 5 – Ms. Sehra's Room – Room 9 – Please enter through the double doors by the gym at back of school
  - Grade 6 & 7 – Ms. Speller's Room – Room 205
- Please **drop your children off 8:30am on Monday** (as per our usual second bell)
- Dismissal will be at the regular time 2:30pm
- Ensure your child is dressed for the weather as they may have to stand outside waiting for pick-up and will be outside for the usual recess and lunch times.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### I am a Health and Services Worker needing my child at school, what do I do?

As mentioned above, email Tina Saito at [saito\\_t@surreyschools.ca](mailto:saito_t@surreyschools.ca) to let her know that you intend to bring your child(ren) to school on Monday January 3

### Will there be regular academic programming/online learning for students from January 3 – 7?

No. As mentioned, the purpose of the upcoming week is for staff to review Health and Safety orders and plan for the possibility of a functional closure.

### Who will be supervising my children at school?

Staff on site will be supervising students.



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## **What will students be doing at school?**

The upcoming week is designated to supervise students whose parents are Health and Services Workers. Students may participate in arts and crafts, reading, drawing, imaginative play. They will also have an opportunity to play outside for fresh air and movement.

## **Can my child bring personal items (toys etc. from home) on Monday January 3?**

Please do not send your child to school with personal items. Personal items may get lost or damaged which can lead to unnecessary stress for children.

## **What will happen on January 10?**

Staff are planning for a return to school for all students on January 10. We will communicate specific details closer to the date.

## **Will there be a Blended (online) learning option for families not wanting to send their children to school?**

No. All students will be expected to attend regular school on January 10, unless otherwise stated.

## **What else do I need to know?**

Be extra diligent with Health and Safety measures including:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Complete the [daily health check](#)
3. Wash hands regularly
4. Stay home if sick
5. Wear a properly fitted mask

## **Where can I learn more about Health and Safety measures for the K – 12 education system?**

Detailed information on enhanced H&S measures can be read [here](#).