



# Hjorth Road Elementary

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Dear Hjorth Road Families,

On behalf of the staff, we hope that all of you are well and have had lots of time with loved ones over the break, even if some of it was virtual. We recognize that we are all in uncharted territory and that this is stressful for all.

Since the government suspended all in-class instruction on March 17th due to COVID-19, School Districts have been working hard behind the scenes to plan for a new reality during this unprecedented and unpredictable time.

As I am sure you can appreciate, educators have been working hard over Spring Break to plan for this new reality, while also waiting for further direction from the Ministry of Education. As the school staff returns to work on *Monday, March 30th*, we will continue in a more in-depth fashion with our team planning process to ensure continuity of learning for students.

You will hear from your child's teacher before the end of this week on initial leaning plans. Our focus during the first week after Spring Break is for our school staff to be make a connection with each and every one of our students, to assure them that we are here for them, and that we are thinking of and planning for them. *Here is a general outline of week 1.*

## Monday

- Planning is undertaken for staff connections
- Clerical staff updates contacts and emails

## Tuesday

- Staff attend online meeting related to continuity of learning
- Teachers begin planning, contacting parents and students
- Focus will be on having an initial check in with students and/or parents by email or phone

## Wednesday

- Teachers will collaborate with learning teams and develop instructional strategies and resources
- Contact with students will continue



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## Thursday

- Families can expect to receive initial/basic materials and resources from teachers
- Contact with students and classes continue

## Friday

- Staff continues to work on items listed above
- A second email will be sent outlining plans for the following week (April 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)

## We ask that families note the following:

- Stay tuned for emails and FreshGrade announcements. Our school website will be our primary communication.
- Please continue being patient as distance teaching and distance learning in this context is new to teachers, students and parents.
- Due to physical distancing and limits to gatherings, please do not come to school to pick up school supplies at this point in time.
- School playgrounds are also closed.
- If your contact information has changed over Spring Break, please email Mrs. Randle at [randle\\_g@surreyschools.ca](mailto:randle_g@surreyschools.ca)

Please watch the following message from our Superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney.

<https://vimeo.com/401370166>

Links to written translation: [English](#), [Punjabi](#), [Simplified Chinese](#) and [Traditional Chinese](#).

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through our planning.

Please stay safe and take care!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Chambers

Principal