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Dear Woodland Park Families,

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I hope this letter finds you well and that during the very unusual spring break, you were able to spend some quality time connecting with your families. I wanted to take this opportunity to touch base and give you a brief update.

#### Health, Safety and Well-being

Our first priority during these changing times is to ensure the safety of our students, staff and parents as well as to ensure the well-being of our community while trying to stop the spread of COVID-19. We realize that each household is unique and that families may be facing many challenges as a result of social distancing and other Covid-19 responses. As we move into this school term, supporting each other as a community is top of mind.

#### Planning for Learning

Monday was the first time teachers were able to connect virtually to begin adapting to these changing times. They are busy designing learning opportunities for your children. What this will look like will vary for each teacher and student depending on the individual needs and circumstances. These are exceptional times and while it is important for children to keep learning, there is no expectation that the pace and rigour of the normal school day be duplicated at home.

Teachers will be reaching out this week to contact their students and families to explore how we are able to share information with you. Many have already done so, so please be sure to check your email and or FreshGrade. If you have not heard from your teacher by the end of the day Thursday, please call the school and ensure we have your correct email. Our plan is to set up learning plans for next week as we move forward together.

While the primary responsibility for continued learning will come from the teachers, we know many parents and guardians are asking for additional resources to help keep kids learning at home. The Ministry of Education has launched "Keep Learning BC" at [www.openschool.bc.ca/KeepLearning](http://www.openschool.bc.ca/KeepLearning) to ensure there is a central place where you will find a list of free, everyday educational activities for every age, designed to support the B.C. curriculum.

#### Playgrounds Closed

In an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 and encourage social distancing, all Surrey School District playgrounds are closed until further notice. We ask that you do not use the playground equipment at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Take care, stay healthy and be safe.

Sincerely,  
Paul Taylor & Rosie Johal, Principal & Vice Principal