



Dear Sunnyside Families,

A warm hello to all of you from all of us ☺. We hope that you are all well and that, despite the many challenges our community has been facing, that you have been able to have some rest and some re-connection with family. ***Please note that on March 17, the BC government suspended all in-class kindergarten through Grade 12 instruction indefinitely to help contain the spread of COVID-19. See the district's COVID-19 updates [HERE](#). This means that children are not attending classes at the school and that there is no pick-up of student supplies at this time. All learning will take place remotely. School playgrounds are also closed until further notice, and the District Education Centre and other district buildings and offices are currently closed to the public.***

We are sure many of you are wondering what you can anticipate this week as our staff return from spring break. We hope you have had a chance to view this message <https://vimeo.com/401370166>, from our superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney, which gives some clarity to our next steps this week.

As you know, our first day back at work as a staff is on Monday. In cooperation with the Public Health Officer and with all efforts to avoid the spread of COVID-19, all work will be done remotely and ***teachers will not be on site***. This will be the first chance for teachers to connect with each other and begin planning for our new reality of supporting students remotely. We will require your patience during this time as we establish lines of connection in the absence of face-to-face contact and create learning opportunities.

You may expect to hear from your children's teachers as early as the end of the day on Tuesday. This initial communication may simply be reaching out to make sure that we have the correct contact information, and you can expect more detailed information in the coming days. Having access to your email address will be critical for us, and if email does not work, then we need to know the best way to contact you. You can do this by calling 604-531-4826.

As a district, we are placing a priority on literacy and numeracy, so you can expect to hear about these topics first with more information to come on other subjects in the coming days. We want to acknowledge that families are trying their best to balance new realities that often include trying to work while having children at home, and adjusting to challenging and changing conditions. We will be doing our best to design our learning around these circumstances while moving your child's education forward. [Also, if you are a Tier 1 Essential Services Worker with an urgent need for childcare, please see the note that continues below.](#)

Wishing you good health,

Lys Paredes and Gwen Myles

Childcare for Essential Service Workers

The Surrey School District and our community partners are working hard to ensure childcare spaces are available for all tier 1 essential service workers as quickly as possible. Tier 1 essential service workers includes health/health services, social services, law enforcement, first responders and emergency response.

If you are an essential services worker that has an urgent need for childcare, **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY.**

This survey is important as it will help us understand the need in the community and ensure that we have adequate childcare spaces available. All those who indicate a need for childcare on this survey will be contacted by Child Care Options Resource and Referral Program (CCRR) to discuss childcare options.

If you are an essential services worker seeking immediate care for your child, you may also contact CCRR directly at ECDrefer@options.bc.ca or phone 604-572-8032. Staff are working this weekend and can assist you in identifying childcare options.

If you have any further questions, you may contact the Surrey School District at ecw@surreyschools.ca, rather than contacting your school or school principal.

Thank you so much for all you are doing to support the pandemic response and we look forward to determining how we can help support you.