



More Information on Back To School ~ September 2020

While we hope to see all or most of our students return to school this September we understand that families have requested options for various reasons. The options being provided by the Surrey School District are;

1. Return to school - face to face instruction
2. Register for Surrey Blended Transition Model for K - 7 **DEADLINE SEPT 8th at 4pm-** online and gradual face to face instruction

The information provided here is meant to help our Sunrise Ridge parents make the right decision for their children and families.

Surrey Blended Learning ~ K - 7



Please refer to the information sent out by the School District and posted on our Sunrise Ridge Web Page about the Surrey Blended Learning Model.

Here are some answers to questions that parents have been asking.

- students will be placed in an online class that may or may not be taught by a Sunrise Ridge teacher
- classroom teachers will NOT be doing both online teaching and classroom teaching like they did last June
- students may not be with their classmates, only with other students who have been enrolled in this program
- students will likely be placed in a multi age online class
- students will be taught online every morning by a designated teacher and will be given assignments to work on in the afternoon

- online teachers will be given time in the afternoon to collaborate with other online teachers and also with parents, helping them to work with their own children
- the Blended Learning Program will require parent involvement
- students will be encouraged to gradually attend one afternoon per week, increased over time to up to three afternoons per week
- when students attend 1- 3 afternoons per week it may not be at Sunrise Ridge, it could be at a nearby school but with their online class and teacher (depending on how many SR students register for Blended Learning)
- **will not be returning to full time face to face in school building until Jan. 1 2021**

Surrey Blended Learning Students will be receiving information from their online teacher beginning on Sept. 16th.

What will returning to school look like this September? Some information for parents and students.



Sept. 10th and 11th are student orientation days for FACE to FACE students only.

Students will attend on both of these days for one hour, according to this schedule;

Grades 1 - 4 ~ 9:00am - 10:00am

Grades 5 - 7 ~ 11:00am - 12:00pm

Kindergarten Group A/C/E Sept. 10 ~ 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Kindergarten Group B/D Sept. 11 ~ 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Students have been organized into groups of approx. 10 students in the alphabetical order of their last names and assigned a teacher to report to on Sept. 10 and 11. Please see below where to meet for your child's grade level.

Kindergarten and Grade 1's - Please report to the grass area in front of the school. There will be signs indicating by your child's last name which group that your child will be in.

Grade 2/3/4- Please report to the grass area at the back of the school. Grade 2's on the west side of grass field/ Grade 3's in the middle of grass field and Grade 4's on the east side of the grass field. There will be signs indicating by your child's last name which group that your child will be in.

Grade 5/6/7- Please report to the grass area at the back of the school. Grade 5's on the west side of grass field/ Grade 6's in the middle of grass field and Grade 7's on the east side of the grass field. There will be signs indicating by your child's last name which group that your child will be in.

First Full Day of School Sept 14th

Grade 1-3 attend from 8:30am -2:35pm

Grade 4-7 attend from 9:00am -2:35pm (1/2 hour later but dismissed at same time)

Sept 15th

All students from Gr 1-7 attend from 8:30 - 2:35 (regular schedule for this year)

Class Organization and Learning Groups



Students will be organized into classes with a classroom teacher as usual. As per the Ministry Of Education and the Provincial Health Officer, students will also be organized into Learning Groups. A Learning Group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school year and who primarily interact with each other. Learning Groups will include students, teachers and support staff. Each Learning Group will be limited to no more than 60 students and staff.

Learning Groups might get together for music, gym or outdoor play. Students will be encouraged to play with others within their Learning Groups during outside recess and Lunch play times. If a student chooses to play outside with someone outside of their Learning Group they will need to keep their distance and have limit physical contact at all times.

Classes and Learning Groups will be set in time for the first full day of school on Sept. 14. Once formed, the Learning Group will not be changed. Parents will be informed of their child's class on Sept. 11th by a paper newsletter. Please make sure to ask your child for this information.

Wearing Masks ?



Students in Elementary School are **not required** to wear masks. Students are welcome to wear a mask if they choose or if their parents would like them to. The school district will be providing each student with two reusable masks if they would like them.

Staff members are not required to wear a mask when they are in their classroom or Learning Group, but they may choose to wear one. Outside of their classroom or Learning Group, staff members will wear a mask when they are not able to distance by 2m

Cleaning Protocols



We have a daytime custodian now!

Throughout the day our custodian will be cleaning high touch surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, toilets, light switches, etc. In the evenings custodians will be disinfecting classrooms.

In addition to cleaning protocols students will be washing their hands throughout the day;

- when they arrive in class
- when they leave class to go to Music class, or the Library or gym,
- Before and after they eat
- Before and after they use the washroom
- Before and after recess and lunch outside play
- Before and after using resources, equipment etc.

Students will also be taught about;

- physical distancing and no physical contact
- coughing and sneezing into their elbow or a tissue
- using only their own school supplies
- keeping physically distanced while moving through the hallways
 - using certain bathrooms that are assigned to their class
 - during recess and lunch students will be asked to have no contact with others unless they are in their cohort

Teachers will be;

- opening doors and windows for greater ventilation
- distancing desks and tables as much as possible
- supervising hand washing

If you have any other questions regarding the Health and Safety Protocols, please call me at the school.

Illness and Symptoms



Parents are asked to assess their child's health each and every morning. See the link for the COVID 19 Self Assessment that parents are required to do daily. <https://www.thrive.health/bc-self-assessment-tool>

If a student displays any signs of illness they will need to stay home. If a student becomes ill at school, the child will be given a mask to wear and will wait in our medical room while parents are contacted to come and pick up their child. Parents will need to take their child to be assessed by a health care professional.

If anyone is found to have a confirmed case of COVID, Public Health Officials will take over with a robust investigation and contact tracing. Public Health Officials will then make decisions whether or not the school will need to take action with the Learning Group or the whole school population.

EDU PAC has arrived....



We will be sending the supplies home with your child on Thursday Sept. 10th for you to label and return with your child on Mon. Sept. 14th.

If you are looking for school supply list they are currently on our website at the bottom under the newsletter section.

Please know ...



- this school year will be different but it will be great
- we will work hard to make it the best possible place for your child
- we cannot wait to get back to doing what we know and what we love ... teaching your children

Please contact me at the school if you have more questions. I hope this information has been helpful. As I learn more, I will share it with you all.

Happy Long Weekend !!

Appreciatively,

Mrs. Leona Brennan

Principal

Sunrise Ridge Elementary