

NEWSLETTER #3- SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Dear Erma Parents,

It was so wonderful to see all our students who returned to school this week, it's been a long time and we are so glad you are back! We know you were all smiling behind your masks! Grade 1-7 in-class students begin full days on Monday, Sept 14th. There are staggered start times for the first day only as below, dismissal time is 2:30 for everyone. Kindergartens please follow the gradual entry schedule.

Monday, September 14th- Start Times and Meeting Locations

For the first full day of classes, students will begin school at staggered start times as follows:

Grades 1-3 8:30 start

Grade 1- Gravel Field
Grade 2- Field beside portables
Grade 3- Basketball Court

Grades 4-7 9:00 start

Grade 4- Field beside portables
Grade 5- Basketball court
Grade 6- Gravel Field
Grade 7- Grass Field

Daily Health Check for parents- (see attached page for expectations)

Please be reminded that **parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) each day before going to school (see attached checklist)**. If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please **keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND all of the symptoms have resolved.**

Important School Procedures and Routines

- Parents/guardians MUST maintain a safe physical distance of at least 2 metres from others when on the school grounds
- The front door of the school will remain locked. Parents/visitors are not able to come in to the school unless prior arrangement have been made. To reach us, please call the office at 604-583-5419 or email the school at ermastephenson@surreyschools.ca
- No items/lunch can be dropped off at school during the school day.
- Students and families who are not attending full-time should not be on the school property during school hours
- Students are not to bring any of their own toys or equipment items to school at this time
- Students will be going outside rain or shine every day so please dress appropriately for all weather

Drop Off

- Drop off times will be 'flexible', students may arrive between 8:25-8:40
- Children DO NOT LINE UP, they should enter through their classroom outside doors when they arrive, wash hands and go to their assigned seats (teacher will be in the room)
- Please do NOT arrive before 8:25

Pick up

- Student must be picked up at their classroom door at 2:30 pm promptly
- Students may not be picked up before 2:30, unless previously arranged through the office
- Students and families are encouraged to leave the school grounds at 2:30

Staffing and Enrolment

We have 243 students returning to full time, in-person instruction in 11 divisions. We have 182 students registered for the Blended-Transition Program. There will be 7 divisions of multi-aged groupings.

Please send your child with the following each day:

- Full water bottle (there are no water fountains or bottle filling stations available)
- Backpack
- Snacks and Lunch
- Labelled school supplies requested by your child's teacher

Bell Schedule

We will be trying out a new staggered bell schedule as follows (subject to change):

Bell Schedule Primary (Grades K-3)

8:25 am	Welcome bell rings
8:30 am	Morning session
10:00-10:15 am	Recess
10:15-11:45 am	Morning session continues
11:45 am-12:05 pm	Students inside to eat
12:05-12:25 pm	Students play outside
12:30 pm	Afternoon session
2:30 pm	Dismissal

Bell Schedule Intermediate (Grades 4-7)

8:25 am	Welcome bell rings
8:30 am	Morning session
10:15-10:30 am	Recess
10:30-11:45 am	Morning session continues
11:45 am-12:05 pm	Students play outside
12:05-12:25 pm	Students inside to eat lunch
12:30 pm	Afternoon session
2:30 pm	Dismissal

Children Sick at School Procedures

If your child becomes ill at school or displays any symptoms, there are clear protocols that must be followed. The child will wait in an isolated room (with supervision), will be given a mask and parents/guardians will be contacted to take the child home. It is important that we have your current contact phone numbers for parents and emergency contacts as students will need to be picked up immediately. **Please email the school if your contact information has changed.**

Blended Transition Program Families

If your child is registered in our Blended Program, you will have received an email from the school with some details. Further information will be provided early this week including:

- Classroom placement
- Teacher's name
- A schedule for online orientation between September 16 - 18



Daily Health Check

Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
Abdominal pain	YES	NO	
	Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or a nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.