

May 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to open our school in June, there will still remain many questions you would like answers to. This letter will endeavour to answer some of those questions. I will break down the topics for ease of understanding.

### Attendance for June

We understand that there remains anxiety about having your children return to school. It is important you know that we do not have any preconceived expectations. Although all students are welcome, we fully understand the decision of many families to hold off until the fall. Thank you for responding to the teachers last week regarding who will be returning and who will not. A number of families indicated they are not sure. It is our hope that after reading this letter and having had another week to consider the options, you will feel better informed and be able to let us know by this Wednesday if you are planning to send your child. This information will greatly assist us in planning for next week. **We need to divide our students into Group A/B and let parents know by this Friday what days their children will be attending. Siblings will attend on the same day.**

For those of you who indicated UNSURE, please email [latimerroad@surreyschools.ca](mailto:latimerroad@surreyschools.ca) and provide your child(rens) name and grade level and indicate if they will be returning for in-class instruction (2 days a week for K-6) and 1 day a week for grade 7.

Please note we will be offering 5 days a week of in-school support for the children of Essential Service Workers who do not currently have childcare. As the school will be closed for deep cleaning each Wednesday, these students are still able to come however, will be placed in a multi-age grouping and supported by different staff members (CUPE). **Please confirm with the office if you are an ESW and your children require this 5 day per week option.**

### Health and Safety – general

- Physical distancing will be promoted at all times
- Hand washing/sanitizing will be practised throughout the day
- A day custodian will be on site during the day to ensure hard surfaces are cleaned as much as possible
- Water fountains will not be available for use (students to bring water bottle)
- Playground equipment will be open for use under supervision only
- PPE is encouraged however all staff and student can make their own decision as to if they want to wear masks. PPE will be provided for First Aid Attendants only

## General Information

- In order to accommodate all students, your child may/may not have their regular classroom teacher.
- To support individual health, we ask that students bring their own supplies in a labelled, zip-lock baggy that will remain at school. For the first week, please have pen, pencil, eraser, glue, scissors and pencil crayons. The teachers will let you know if other items are required.
- Students must come prepared for a full day of school, prepared with a snack and lunch. There **will not be the ability for parents to enter the school and drop off food.**
- We encourage you to use the drop off lane as we will have staff outside and parents **will not** be able to enter the school.

\*\*\*\*\* As mentioned above, please look for information this Friday as to what days your child(ren) will be attending next week.

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Principal