



BAYRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1730 - 142ND Street, Surrey, B.C. V4A 6G7
Phone: (604) 531-8082 Fax: (604) 541-7963

Principal - Bhupinder Shergill

August 24th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Re: Return to School – Attendance Confirmation (September 2020)

We are looking forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school in September and are actively planning for the new school year. In these uncertain times, we recognize that parents want to know what school looks like when we open our doors. Given that the system looked different in the spring, people want certainty about the fall to the greatest extent possible.

This survey (below) is key to our ability to support families in the transition back to school in September. We are asking you to read the following information and respond to the survey so that we can use your voice and preference to design our schools and programs.

We are listening to our community and there is a clear desire for us to explore options for the fall and to communicate the options with parents so that they can make a choice. At our core, and traditionally, there are three existing options for the vast majority of our community:

1. Attending your Neighbourhood or Choice Program school as you normally would
2. Distributed Learning (DL) where a bulk of the learning is online
3. Home Schooling, where parents provide all of the learning for their children at home

Consistent with the Public Health guidelines, we will be organizing students in cohorts at neighbourhood and choice program schools to make sure we are limiting student contact and are keeping students in their smaller learning circles. Our schools are also implementing wide ranging health and safety measures that include extensive cleaning, new ways of moving students in and around schools, and ways to limit contact in the hallways and playgrounds. Safety is our top priority and we are preparing according to the guidelines.

In Surrey, our Elementary Distributed Learning program is fairly small and includes face to face

instruction four days per week. Currently there is a long waitlist for the elementary DL program. We do offer a full DL program at secondary called the Surrey Academy for Innovative Learning (SAIL) and parents can explore more on our district's homepage.

Beyond these options, we continue to hear from parts of our community that they are looking for something else. In the pandemic, people are looking for an alternative to the above core options. At the heart of the requests, what we are hearing is that families are looking for an opportunity that:

- Keeps them connected to their neighbourhood school;
- Retains the ability for them to return to their neighbourhood school at some point in the future; and
- Provides a learning experience that is rooted in online learning with limited to no face to face learning.

In response to those voices and the community need, we are actively examining how we may provide options for parents. We have not built a program to meet these needs and this survey is critical to our further explorations. What we need to know, through this survey, is whether an online option is preferred for your family. In our initial work, we are establishing our own guiding principles and are looking to:

- Respond to the community need during a pandemic for a true online option connected to their neighbourhood school;
- Focus on a high quality, consistent program;
- Foster the Social and Emotional Learning of our students; and
- Provide opportunities for students to remain connected to their existing school community which may include optional and limited face to face experiences.

Your voice matters and clarity is important for us in our design work. That clarity will be greatly enhanced by your completion of this survey. As opening day routines become clearer, we will be in contact once again. Ongoing updates will also be posted on both our school and district websites.

In the meantime, please continue to enjoy your summer. Take time, rest up, and stay well. We thank all families for filling out the survey below.

Return to School – Attendance Confirmation (Bayridge Elementary)
September 2020

We ask all families to fill out the following survey

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-)
[m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-)

[KzXmR5qpS6XZOuTEt9V8NFrFUMDc3UEpBUEQ3OUtQM0RaUFJFOEVBWIE](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzXmR5qpS6XZOuTEt9V8NFrFUMDc3UEpBUEQ3OUtQM0RaUFJFOEVBWIE)

[0TS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzXmR5qpS6XZOuTEt9V8NFrFUMDc3UEpBUEQ3OUtQM0RaUFJFOEVBWIE) by **August 30th, 2020** to inform us of their intentions for the upcoming school year. We thank you in advance for all your help with our planning and ensuring a safe start-up.