

LATIMER ROAD ELEMENTARY

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Dear Latimer Road Families,

We hope this update finds you well and that you have been able to enjoy the last days of summer. While there are still many unknowns, we hope that you have been able to look at the options the School District is offering and begin making the best choice for your family.

Monday, the district introduced the Surrey Blended Transition Model. **Registration is online and the deadline is September 8**th **at 4 pm.** If you choose this model, your child will learn online with your guidance and support five mornings per week. One afternoon per week increasing to three afternoons per week will be held in class with the same online teacher. While we would hope to teach your child face to face on those afternoons, if for some reason you are unable to send your child to school, you could choose to keep them home. **January 1**st will be the first day your child will have the option to return to full day, in class, learning. They will not have the option to attend full time during the fall if online is your choice. Children enrolled in the Montessori program will not lose their spot and are able to return to the Montessori class in January.

For those of you choosing a full return to school this September you will be receiving a schedule for **September 10**th **and 11**th. On those days your children will attend school in groups of up to 11 students, for one hour, while maintaining social distancing in the classroom. These two days will be an orientation session and a chance to welcome your child back. On **Monday, September 14**th the students will be placed in their learning groups (classes) to begin their first full day of class. Once these cohorts/learning groups are set, they will not change. If you have chosen Surrey's Blended Model, you will begin to receive information that week.

We encourage you to check the Latimer Road and Surrey School District website for updated information. Schedules for the 10th and 11th will be posted there as well as updated school supply lists.

While we know these are anxious times we want to ensure you again that the safety of our students, staff and families is at the forefront. The District and Latimer Road are working hard to ensure all necessary health and safety guidelines are in place. Masks will be optional for students and when they cannot work in their learning groups physical distancing will be maintained.

Thank you as always for being partners in learning. We look forward to a successful year together.

Sincerely,

Susan Yip
Acting Principal