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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Senator Reid School staff, I extend a warm welcome to all students and parents in our community. I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer holiday.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate September. I am confident that together we will make this year a success.

This year our school newsletters along with important updates, will be found on our school website <http://www.surreyschools.ca/senatorreid>. Important links can also be found on our website when you scroll through the slides. I encourage you to sign up for our email list to automatically receive communication from Senator Reid (just enter your email address under "Email List" found at the bottom of our website).

I encourage your participation in your children's educational experience and welcome your input into our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have questions or concerns.



Warm regards,

Ms. L. Fenton, Principal



OPTIONS

Thank you for completing our back to school survey. Your responses were helpful as we prepare for the upcoming school year. In response to the survey results, Surrey will offer the following options for families this year:

- Full time face-to-face
- Surrey Blended: an Elementary Transition Model [fact sheet](#)
- Homeschooling
- SAIL @ Brookside



SCHOOL BASED SAFETY MEASURES

- Stay at home when sick (all students and staff with common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other respiratory diseases must stay home and self-isolate).
- Conduct a daily health check prior to arriving at school/work.
- Perform diligent hand hygiene (thorough hand washing with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness).
- Practice respiratory and personal hygiene (cover your coughs; do not touch your face; no sharing of food, drinks, or personal items).
- Physical distancing and minimizing physical contact (spread students and staff out to different areas when possible; learning groups (cohorts); take students outside more often; incorporate individual activities; remind students to keep their hands to themselves).
- Cleaning and disinfecting (clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice every 24 hours (once during the school day); general cleaning of the school will occur at least once a day; Clorox 360 electrostatic sprayer will be used once per day in the evening).
- Parents and visitors will not be permitted within the school building unless previously arranged with the Principal (includes pick up and drop off of students and lunch).
- Families are asked to refrain from bringing anything to share with the class (homemade or purchased).
- No gatherings of more than 50 students and/or staff.

Also, every staff member and child will receive two masks. Elementary school students are not required to wear masks. Non-medical masks will be required to be used by adults in situations where a person cannot maintain physical distance and is in close proximity to a person outside of their learning group or household. Wearing a non-medical mask, face covering, or face shield in schools outside of these circumstances is a personal choice and will be respected. However, if a student or staff member develops symptoms, while at school, they must wear a mask while they are preparing to go home. Exceptions will be made for staff and students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Students in **Kindergarten**, who are attending **full-time face-to-face**, will attend an orientation for one hour with half of the Kindergarten students attending on Thursday, September 10th and half attending on Friday, September 11th. An email will be sent to all Kindergarten parents indicating which day to attend. Kindergarten students will meet on our basketball court on their assigned date. Staff will be on hand to direct students and ensure physical distancing. Please maintain 2m distance from others.

Thursday, September 10th:

Half of the Kindergarten students: 12:30 – 1:30

Friday, September 11th:

Half of the Kindergarten students: 12:30 – 1:30

Kindergarten students will receive information about their Gradual Entry schedule in a separate email.

Students in **grades 1 – 7**, who are attending **full-time face-to-face**, will attend an orientation for one hour on both Thursday, September 10th **and** Friday, September 11th. All students will meet on the gravel field. There will be signs set up indicating where each grade will meet and staff will be on hand to direct students and ensure physical distancing. Please maintain 2m distance from others.

Thursday, September 10th:

Grades 1 – 4: 9:00 – 10:00

Grades 5 – 7: 11:00 – 12:00

Friday, September 11th:

Grades 1 – 4: 9:00 – 10:00

Grades 5 – 7: 11:00 – 12:00

Students in **K – 7**, who are attending **Surrey Blended: An Elementary Transition**, will participate in an online orientation during the week of September 14th – 18th. More information to follow.

All classes and learning groups (cohorts) will be determined by Monday, September 14th.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades 1 – 7:

8:35 Bell invites students to enter the school

8:40 Instruction begins

10:20–10:35 Recess

11:55–12:40 Lunch

2:40 Dismissal



Kindergarten:

8:40 Instruction begins

11:10 –11:55 Lunch

2:40 Dismissal

STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS



Our safe-arrival program involves matching student absence with parent contact.

- Please phone the school (604-584-7441) before 8:30 a.m. if your child is going to be absent or late. If we do not receive a call from you when your child is absent, we will call you or your emergency contact to confirm that you are aware of your child's absence.
- Instruction begins at 8:40 a.m. If students arrive after that time, they must stop at the office to let us know they have arrived safely.
- Whenever possible, arrange doctor and dentist appointments outside of instructional time.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our school supply lists can be found on our website. Students are welcome to reuse last year's supplies as a way to reduce cost and minimize waste.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Student planners are used in every grade 1 – 7 classroom to help students organize their work and to enhance home-school communication.

The student planners cost \$4.00 this year. Please send that amount to your child's teacher.



LUNCH TIME



Parent Permission to Leave the School

- Please inform the office if your child is going home for lunch with an adult.
- If your child will be going home for lunch every day, please email the office to request a *Lunch Permission Form*. The form must be returned to the school so we have a list of all students who will be leaving the school grounds during lunch.
- If a student is going home occasionally, a written parental permission note/letter must be sent to school for that specific day.

Lunch Drop Offs

- Please send lunch with your child each morning. We will not be having lunch drop offs this year.

TRAFFIC SAFETY



- All children are encouraged to walk to school, whenever possible, with friends, older siblings and/or an adult family member. This relieves traffic congestion and establishes a safer environment for everyone.
- Use the crosswalks provided.
- Only park in the designated areas of the parent parking lot.
- If you must drive, please remember:
 - **seat belt and booster seat** legislation protects children from serious injuries;
 - do not make u-turns or back up in school zones;
 - pull into a parking stall at the front of the school when dropping off children;
 - **NO DROP OFFS IN STAFF PARKING LOT** and refrain from walking through the staff parking lot – there is too great a risk of student injury;
 - the speed limit in the school zone is 30 km/h between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and
 - adult modelling of traffic safety is the most powerful way to ensure that your children are safe! Children learn what they live.

OPTIONAL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know our School District does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports? If a student is injured, as parents and guardians you are responsible for any costs not covered by the MSP Health Plan or your employers benefit plan.

It's important to know that most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under the MSP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy, and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all.

Your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the Insure my Kids Accident Insurance program underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Plan features:

- Provides coverage 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or not insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans; for example, ambulance fees, hospital room expenses, private tutors, counselling and much more.
- Critical Illness – expenses related to a new diagnosis of specific Critical Illnesses such as Cancer, Cardiomyopathy, Necrotizing Fasciitis just to name a few. Full plan details on website.
- Dental expenses – includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental and injury related orthodontia coverage.
- Covers injury related Eyeglasses (repair or replace up to \$300).
- Low annual premiums from \$17 per student for the Silver Plan.
 - (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to apply online, visit www.insuremykids.com

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