



Holly Newsletter September 2020

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Welcome Back

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to Holly next week. Thank you to all for completing our back to school survey to indicate preferences about returning to school. Your responses were very helpful as we prepare for the upcoming school year. In response to feedback provided to the District, Surrey will offer the following options for families this year:

- Return to class full time. Please see important information below about the schedule for the first week back.

- [Elementary Transition Program](#). Please see important information below if your family is interested in an alternative to returning to school full time.

Please call the school at 604-585-2566 if your children will not be returning to Holly this year.

Blended Learning Option: Program

Elementary Transition

On August 26th, the Surrey School District shared its [plans](#) to safely return to in-class instruction. These plans reflect the measures put forth by provincial health experts and the Ministry of Education and include the important steps our schools will take to safely welcome our students back in September.

We are confident in our plans, but we know that many of our families are nervous. In response to parent feedback and concerns, we will be offering an [Elementary Transition Program](#) that will be available to all families who are not yet ready to have their child return to full -time face-to-face instruction when school begins in September.

This program is a combination of online and face-to-face learning through your local school, with a gradual transition back to full time in-class instruction by January 2021.

For more information on this transition program, please review the following resources:

- [Elementary Transition Program fact sheet](#)
- [Superintendent video message for August 31](#)
- [Register here](#)

All parents interested in registering for this program will need to complete this [form](#) by 4:00 p.m. September 8, 2020.

First Week Back Orientation Schedule

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Students who are returning full time will attend school for a one hour orientation session each day on Thursday September 10th and Friday September 11th according to the schedule below.

9:00 – 10:00 Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

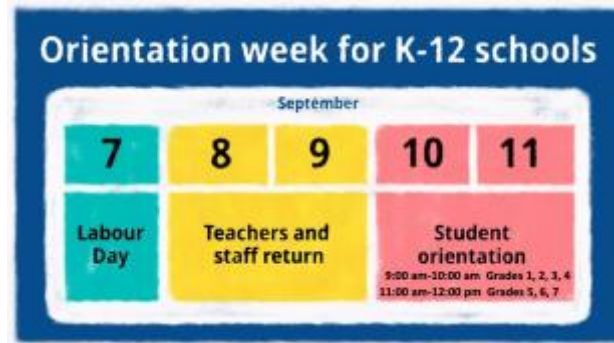
11:00 – 12:00 Grades 5, 6, 7

On September 10th and 11th students will meet in grade groups on the gravel field. Staff will be on hand to direct students and ensure physical distancing. Please be aware to maintain physical distancing with other families when at school.

Monday September 14th will be the first full day of school for students. Students in Grade 1-3 will attend from 8:30-2:35 and students in grades 4-7 will start 30 minutes later and attend from 9:00-2:35.

Kindergarten students will receive information about their gradual entry schedule in a separate email before the first week of school.

Students who are enrolled in the elementary transition program receive an orientation during the week of September 14th.



School Supplies

We will be distributing updated school supply lists during the first week of school. Students are welcome to reuse last year's supplies where possible.

Bell Schedule

Please note our bell schedule has changed for this school year. Dismissal will now be at 2:35 pm.

8:30-- Warning Bell

8:35-- Class begins

10:15-10:30-- Recess

11:50-12:35-- Lunch

2:35-- Dismissal