



Ellendale Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to seeing our Ellendale Community! As many of you know, the BC Ministry of Education has approved a delayed start to the 2020 school year for students. Below please find information regarding our Student Orientation sessions for in-school instruction and a note for families who have chosen the Surrey Blended Transition Program.

- Please note that the deadline for the online registration for this program is Tuesday, September 8th @ 4 PM. Orientation begins the week of Monday, September 21st.
- As well, if you have not completed the September Student Attendance Confirmation Survey that was emailed to you, please email the school at ellendale@surreyschools.ca and let the office know whether or not your child(ren) will be attending Ellendale Elementary school this year. Thank you.

September 2020 Start-Up Schedule for FULL-TIME In-school Instruction (also referred to as face to face)

For students returning to school for Full-Time, In-school Instruction, please the schedule below for the first week.

****For students registered in the Blended Transition Program, the start-up information will be shared after Sept. 8****

In order to transition students safely back to school during this pandemic, Surrey has designated **Thursday September 10 and Friday September 11 as Orientation days**. On these days, students will attend school in small groups each day where they will connect with an Ellendale staff member and review safety protocols and practice the new routines that have been put in place to help keep them safe for the new school year.

Although the orientation groups are organized in grade groups, they are not the students learning groups and teachers will be helping students to physically distance. In addition, while not mandatory, students are welcome to bring and wear a mask. Learning groups will be established once enrolment is confirmed and we hope to move into learning group classes by Monday, September 14th.

Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th Student Orientation

Students returning for FULL TIME in-school instruction are asked and expected to attend both days of their orientation. When students arrive at school, they will line up with physical distance, on the gravel field in their assigned spot. There will be signs on the fence. Teachers will lead small groups of students (8-10) into the school to do attendance and begin their orientation. All students will be dismissed from the drop off location.

Students will be lining up, socially distancing, on the grass field behind the school and will be greeted outside by Ellendale teachers, who will lead small groups of 8-10 students into school for orientation and to review new safety protocols. Teachers will dismiss students from the grass field.

* September 10 & 11 @ 9:00 – 10:00 Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

* September 10 & 11 @ 11:00 – 12:00 Grades 5, 6, 7

* September 10 12:30 – 1:30 Groups A * September 11 12:30 – 1:30 Groups B

We all look forward to connecting with our students and families and welcoming our newest learners. Thank you for your support. Take care.

Sincerely,

Caroline Matthews

Principal, Ellendale Elementary