



Hjorth Road Elementary

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Hjorth Road community for your patience and understanding as our team has worked to provide a safe and welcoming return to school for the 2020/2021 school year.

You are receiving this letter because you have selected full face to face instruction for your child for the upcoming school year. Our team of dedicated teachers, EA's and support staff have all worked tirelessly over the last few days to set up a safe physical space in our school while preparing the safety orientations your child received this week. If you have not already done so, please debrief with your child on what they have learned and help them understand that we are all in this together. It takes a village to raise a child, and please know that the Hjorth Road community cares very much for your child(ren) and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure they feel safe and cared for while at school.

As students leave their orientation session today, teachers will be working to finalize classes and learning cohorts for the upcoming school year. Our staff is thoughtful and purposeful about this process in our efforts to create engaging and supportive learning environments that also meet the new expectations set out by the Ministry of Education. Teachers will continue to collaborate on this process until the end of the day today.

The Surrey School District has established a staggered start time on **Monday, September 14th** for students who are returning to full time face to face instruction. Please note the staggered start times for Monday only:

Grades 1 - 3 **8:30am** until 2:30pm

Kindergarten Please follow gradual entry schedule

Grades 4 - 7 **9:00 am** until 2:30 pm

On Monday, students in the grade 1 – 7 face to face instructional program will be formally assigned to their new class and will also join a **learning cohort**. Please look for your child's grade level balloon and check in with the staff member at the table. They will let you know which teacher will be working with your child this year. The timeline for this process has been expedited in order to follow the Health and Safety protocols during Covid-19.



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Please send a snack, lunch and water bottle with your child each day. For students on the lunch program, forms have be sent home today. If your family was not on the lunch program last year but you would like to be this year there will be forms available for families to pick up outside the school on Monday. The lunch program resumes **Wednesday, September 16**. The breakfast club will also resume next week on Thursday. Forms will be sent home on Monday.

Starting September 15, grades 1-7 will line up outside at our welcome bell at 8:25am. Instruction will begin at 8:30 am. Please note, our bell schedule has changed slightly from last year.

Our bell schedule for the school year is as follows:

8:15 am	Outside Supervision Begins
8:25 am	Welcome Bell
8:30 am	Instruction Begins
10:10 am	Recess Begins
10:25 am	Recess Ends
11:30 am	Lunch Begins
12:30 pm	Lunch Ends
2:30 pm	Classes Dismissed
2:45 pm	Supervision of Students Ends

Please see attached daily health check. All families must complete this health check with your child each morning prior to sending them to school. Please do not send your child to school with any symptoms of illness.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am here to support you and your family as best as I can. Until then, **“Be kind, Be calm and Be safe”**.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. L. Chambers
Principal