



ÉCOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May 26th, 2020

Dear Riverdale Families,

First, let me thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to find ourselves working through the logistics of living and work in a pandemic. I am proud of our teachers and support staff for adapting to this new reality so quickly and I am proud of our families and students for moving to work online with little notice. We are resilient and we can do hard things!

On Monday, June 1st school will reopen for some students. Staff are currently working to divide students into A/B groupings. To help us do this we ask that you [please fill out this survey](#) indicating, which, if any, of your children intend to come to school next week. Students in K-5 will come to school two days a week (either M/Th or T/F). Students in grade 6 will attend school one day per week (either M or T) and grade 7s will attend school one day per week (Th or F). Teachers will be informing you of your groupings in the next few days. It is important you fill out the survey as soon as possible so we can get the groupings organized.

If you are an essential service worker, or employee of the Surrey School District your child is eligible to come to school 5 days per week. Please ensure you indicate this when filling out the survey.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K – 6 Group A	K – 6 Group B	Deep Cleaning Day	K – 7 Group A (no 6's)	K – 7 Group B (no 6's)
ESW	ESW	ESW	ESW	ESW
Health & Safety Social Emotional Learning	Health & Safety Social Emotional Learning	Support for the blended online program for ESW	Health & Safety Social Emotional Learning	Health & Safety Social Emotional Learning
Teachers may want to consider incorporating: - Play - Outdoor activities - Open-ended activities - Inquiry/project based learning	Teachers may want to consider incorporating: - Play - Outdoor activities - Open-ended activities - Inquiry/project based learning		Teachers may want to consider incorporating: - Play - Outdoor activities - Open-ended activities - Inquiry/project based learning	Teachers may want to consider incorporating: - Play - Outdoor activities - Open-ended activities - Inquiry/project based learning



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Students identified as requiring targeted support are also eligible to be in school 5 days per week. We will be reaching out to those families. If you feel your child meets this eligibility please contact your child's teacher.

Teachers and other staff are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to the school next. As I wrote in a previous letter, Health and Safety is our top concern and we continue to work within the guidelines set out by Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer.

We must continue to:

- Wash our hands FREQUENTLY
- Maintain a social distance of 2m or more
- Have a rigorous cleaning regimen put in place
- Stay at home when we feel even the slightest bit sick (even a little "sniffle")

So what does this mean for you and your family should you choose to send your students to school?

- Parents / Caregivers must assess your children daily **before** sending them to school. No one experiencing symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease shall be permitted to enter the school building or any District site.
- If a student experiences symptoms prior to attending school, parents or caregivers **must** keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, AND their symptoms have resolved.
- If the student experiences symptoms while at school, they will be isolated with supervision and parents will be notified. Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.
- Currently, schools and district sites are closed to the public. As schools reopen, this will continue to be the case. This applies to our parent community as well.
 - This means that lunches **will not** be able to be dropped off during the school day. Students should come to school with everything they need for the school day.
- Parents and visitors to the school will not be permitted within the school building unless previously arranged and agreed to by the Principal and only in certain circumstances.
 - We will communicate alternate arrangements for pick up or drop off students or to discuss issues with Administration or other staff. Alternate arrangements must be made for these routine exchanges at the school level.



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- If permitted inside the building, parents and visitors must abide by the hand washing and physical distancing requirements. Proximity to other household contacts will be permitted.

So for now:

- The staff continue to prepare our school for a safe return of students.
- [Please fill out the survey](#) indicating which, if any, of your children will return to school next week.
- Teachers are expected to be on site on May 28th and 29th so please don't expect virtual learning to continue in the same way on those days.
- Parents are NOT required to send their students to school—this will be optional for families.
- On-line learning will continue through the month of June for all students.

We know that this is a lot of information to digest. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or contact the office. We look forward to making the transition back to school as smooth as possible and we look forward to a great June here in the Raven's Nest.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vervae
Principal, Riverdale