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Dear Clayton Families,

I hope you all are doing well. The weather right now is so fantastic, and I strongly encourage you to take the time to get outside – safely and socially distanced – to play, explore your neighbourhoods and spend time with your families. I am enjoying lots of time outside with my youngest daughter on our trampoline and my husband has become a Pokemon Go nut with both our girls. Walking the dog through our neighbourhood trails is another way I'm keeping active and healthy. I hope you all are doing well and remember that we are only a phone call (I'm here at the school every day for varying hours), an email, or message away. Please continue to reach out if you need anything at all.

Take care and stay well,

♡ Mrs. Fenrick

Learning at home:

Many of you are doing a fantastic job. Teachers are reporting that an average of half of their students are showing their learning through emails, FreshGrade and TEAMS while others are accessing the activities on a semi-regular basis. If you can, please try to show us what you are doing with home learning by uploading some activities on whatever platform your teacher has set out. Teachers ARE looking at student work that is submitted and are able to make comments to help and guide students along. They are not at this time doing any formal assessment other than descriptive feedback as the emphasis from the Ministry of Education is on continuing learning, not grading. I totally recognize that "handing things in" may be beyond your scope of ability right now and that is totally fine. Our goal is simply to continue learning so students don't lose skills they have gained this year while also not overwhelming students and families during this unusual time. We continue to recognize that many parents are still working outside the home, and some are trying to work at home while helping their kids with learning. The focus continues at this time to be on literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy (math skills). Always reach out to your teacher if you are feeling overwhelmed, have questions or concerns, or need any help at all. They are working hard to help and are available during school hours to do so.

From our Counsellor, Nassim Ghani:

She has some great tips for all parents and students.

[Counselling Newsletter](#)

Technology/Devices/Internet

Please continue to reach out if you are in need of a device to help with learning at home. Email me and I will arrange a pickup time at the school. If you are without reliable internet, the following message was sent to us from the district: *Telus Internet for Good Program -- During the Covid pandemic, Telus is asking schools to identify families who would not otherwise be able to afford wifi services at home (these could be families who do not have wifi currently, or families who have wifi from any provider but who, due to new circumstances and the covid 19 pandemic, are no longer able to reasonably afford those services).*

If you fall into this category, please let me know by email and I can take the next steps.

Reminder:

To access Office 365: to go www.office.com and log in with the student's surreyschools.ca email and password their teacher gave them. This is the same information that the students use to log in to FreshGrade. If you do not have the student email and password, please email your child's teacher.

Digital Citizenship for online school tools (ex: TEAMS)

As we are in the new reality of using TEAMS and other online tools for schooling, I would like to remind everyone about their obligation when using these tools. Simply, we need to remember to not be posting through chats anything that would not be said in a classroom in front of a teacher or myself. These are not social media sites, they are school tools. We absolutely want students to be connecting with each other and their teachers, but we need to remember our online manners. I'm attaching a document about responsible technology use and we ask that parents review these rules with their children.

[Surrey Schools Technology Use Agreement.pdf](#)

I **am not asking** that these be signed and sent back but only to be reviewed with your children. We need to make sure that only the student who belongs to the profile is messaging others in their classrooms, not others in the home. Appropriate language and content are also expected. Parents need to know they are responsible for their children's online behaviour, the school cannot control what students are doing in their homes. Students who are not following these rules could have their accounts suspended until parents are contacted and a plan put in place. We need these sites to be learning and safe connection spaces and we appreciate your attention and help with this.

Student Belongings still at school:

Understandably, we're starting to get requests from parents who are wondering about picking up things that belong to their children. The district is working out how to do this safely and when we may start. As soon as a plan is set, I will be letting you all know. At this time, we are continuing to severely limit the number of people who enter the building to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please stay tuned for more information.

Our Community:

A huge thank-you to all those families who sent me pictures and gave me permission to share.

Here is our first slideshow! [April 17.m4v](#)

I hope the link works for you! We do ask that you **do not share** this on any social media sites.

**WATCH OUT FOR A SURPRISE EMAIL ON MONDAY MORNING - WE HOPE YOU LIKE IT!
Please take care and give your children a high five or a hug from me. Reach out to me at any time.**



Mrs. Fenrick