

Regent Road Elementary School

Frequently Asked Questions

SCHOOL POPULATION QUESTIONS

1. Who will get to go to Regent Road Elementary?
 - All current Clayton Elementary students will attend Regent Road Elementary.
2. When will the move take place, and what will that look like?
 - Regent Road Elementary is scheduled to open in September 2022. The Surrey School District will be supporting Clayton Elementary staff in the move. Students will just be arriving at Regent Road Elementary for a typical opening of a new school year.
3. Will we get to make placement requests for our children?
 - The new principal, Mr. Gammel, will be happy to take input from parents as to the best learning environment for their children. As per usual, requests for specific teachers will not be accepted. We understand that Clayton Elementary students will need to have social connections that work for them as long as they also make good learning partners.
4. What will classes be like? What will the size of classrooms be?
 - The number of divisions will be determined by enrollment. Class sizes are a province-wide standard and do not change from school to school, so they will be similar to current class sizes at Clayton Elementary.
5. Will there be grade seven students at Regent Road Elementary, or can my grade seven child stay at Clayton Elementary?
 - To operate both Clayton Elementary and Regent Road Elementary, we would require enough students at both sites to make this a viable option. We surveyed parents in January 2022, and approximately 86% of our families are excited about the move to Regent Road Elementary. Therefore, Clayton Elementary will not be enrolling any students in the 2022-2023 school year.
6. How many students will be attending Regent?
 - Our current enrolment projections are approximately 280 students, but this number could increase or decrease at any time prior to September. Enrolment is determined at the district level based on the catchment boundaries and projected households in the area. All students who are in catchment or who go to Clayton presently will attend Regent Road Elementary.

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7. Will our kids be going from a small school to a large one? How will you help our children adjust to this?
 - Due to the anticipated construction growth in the area, Regent Road Elementary will have a larger school population than Clayton Elementary's current one. However, we believe that the enrollment at Regent Road Elementary will be much lower than its capacity of 655 students to start. Much will be done to create a cohesive, inclusive, safe, and collaborative school community where all students will feel a sense of belonging. We are encouraging parents to volunteer to be part of our Transition Committee to help plan for these important student transitions.

STAFFING QUESTIONS

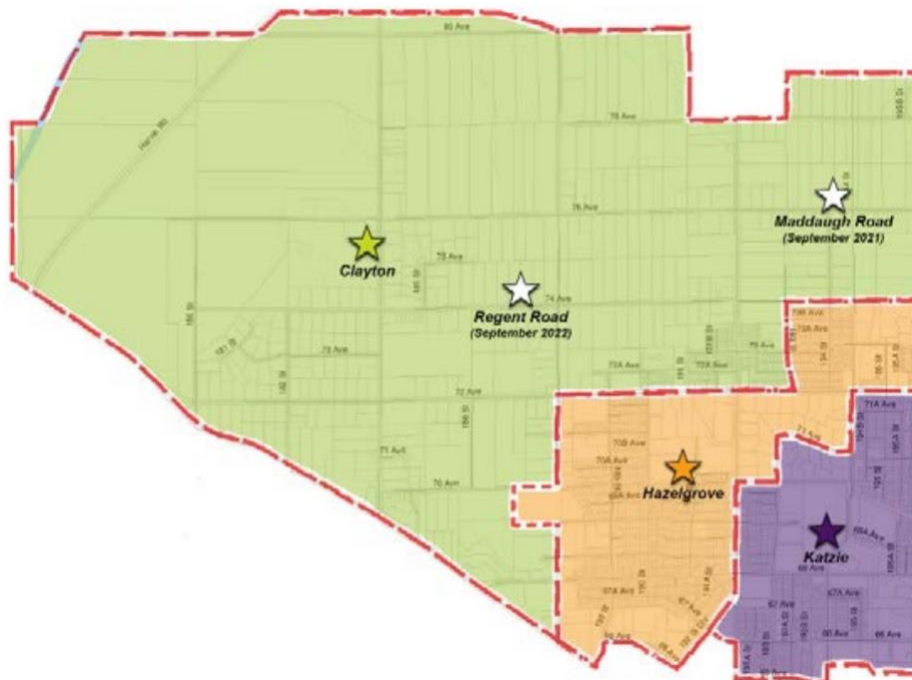
1. Are all the Clayton Elementary staff moving as well?
 - All staff who want to work at Regent will be able to be part of the Regent Road Elementary staff.
2. Will all the same student support be at Regent Road Elementary that Clayton Elementary currently has, such as LST?
 - Students at Regent Road Elementary will have the same support as they have at Clayton Elementary. Learning Support Team teachers, Integration Support teachers, counsellors, child and youth care workers, and other support staff are determined at the district level. The same model of inclusion and working to give students all they need to be successful will be in place at Regent Road Elementary.
3. What is happening with the current principal? Why is there a new principal?
 - Byron Gammel was chosen to open the new school as he is an experienced and valued principal. Beginning on March 1, 2022, he will be working at Clayton Elementary with Mrs. Fenrick to create a smooth transition. Mr. Gammel is committed to building a collaborative and safe school culture that shares the values of the Clayton Elementary community. Mrs. Fenrick has been with Clayton Elementary for five years, and often principals are moved to different schools at this time period. She has greatly enjoyed her time at Clayton Elementary and will continue to be the principal of Clayton Elementary until June 2022.

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1. What will parents have to do for the move? Registration? Priority placement for Clayton Elementary students at Regent Road Elementary?
 - All students who reside in the Clayton Elementary catchment area will attend Regent Road Elementary. If students are currently registered at Clayton Elementary, they will not need to register at Regent Road Elementary.
2. How will we get information and updates as the year goes on?
 - We will update this FAQ page as questions arise. We are also encouraging parent volunteers to join our Transition Committee. This committee will share reports out to the community with parents. In addition, we expect to host a few more information nights in the months to come. We also will be providing regular updates through our email system. You can also check for updates on Twitter [@regentroadelem](https://twitter.com/regentroadelem)
3. What changes are there to the catchment area?
 - The catchment will include all of Clayton Elementary's current catchment area as well as a small piece of Hazelgrove Elementary's current catchment. These boundaries were determined in 2018 as part of a comprehensive community consultation process. Please see the map below for more information.



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4. How will the PAC work at Regent Road Elementary? What about the PAC funds that Clayton Elementary is raising?
 - The School Act gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. As an autonomous body, the PAC must abide by its Constitution and Bylaws and the School Act. Provincial expectations for your PAC can be found [here](#). Given that all learners from Clayton Elementary will be moving over to Regent Road Elementary, we expect that all funds in the Clayton Elementary PAC accounts will be transferred to Regent Road Elementary's PAC accounts.
5. Will students and families get to tour Regent Road Elementary before it is open?
 - We hope there will be opportunities for tours before June 2022 but these will largely depend on the construction progress and the safety of the building at that time.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. Will there still be a before and after school care through the City of Surrey?
 - We will be offering a rental opportunity to our community partners to provide before and after school care. We recognize the importance of before and after care in our area. At this point we have not yet confirmed a provider.