



# Clayton Elementary

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Dear Cougar Families,

I just wanted to give you a few details about the following:

- ⇒ the two options schooling through the district - full-time attendance or registering for Surrey Blended learning
- ⇒ our orientation days on Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ a few of our Health and Safety protocols.

## School Attendance Options for the 2020/2021 School Year

At this time, there are only two options for attending school in September and keeping your spot at Clayton Elementary:

### **1. Attending full time as usual – 5 days per week**

- a. Students will be in a cohort/learning group that consists of their class and possibly one other
- b. Start and end times will be our regular bell schedule
- c. Health and Safety guidelines including distancing protocols and hand washing will be taught and reinforced regularly
- d. School is safe

### **2. Registering with Surrey Blended Transition Program –**

You MUST register here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-mOCBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzQo9oGcByppIly2iBVxbDO1URjQ5STNaV1ZaREIJTjI2UFZBUU9DNERIVS4u>

- a. Deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm
- b. This is a transition program aimed to have students back to full-time face to face instruction by January 1<sup>st</sup> – this is the only point that students can return to full-time face to face instruction at their regular school
- c. Students attend online every morning with DIRECT parent support and guidance
- d. Students attend between 1 – 3 face to face sessions with their online teacher in the afternoon
- e. Parents have a collaboration/education session with the online teacher one afternoon per week (Fridays)
- f. This program may be housed at our school or another local school, though on January 1<sup>st</sup> all student can return to their regular school
- g. This is different than the online model that we had last school year – students will be in a multi-age class (possibly K-3 and 4-7)
- h. Please read here for full information: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/NewsEvents/Posts/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=877> and [Surrey Blended Transition Program](#)

## **Orientation Days – Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

- All students who are NOT registered for Surrey Blended must attend BOTH days
- Students in Grades 1-4 attend 9:00 – 10:00
- Students in Grades 5-7 attend 11:00 – noon
- Students DO NOT need to bring anything with them – no food or school supplies are needed
- Masks for students are encouraged for these two days but optional
- Students will be:
  - o Confirming their attendance
  - o Learning our health and safety protocols – including mask-wearing dos and don'ts, hand washing hygiene, recess and lunch protocols, movement throughout the school and more
  - o Seeing their friends!!
  - o Getting excited about the new year!!
- Upon arrival – signage and information will be readily visible to tell students where they will go to meet
  - o As students are not yet in their cohorts/learning groups, we will be maintaining physical distancing for all staff, parents, and students
  - o We ask that all parents/adults that come onto our grounds wear a mask
  - o Unless absolutely necessary, we ask that all parents stay out of the school buildings
    - If you have questions, please call the office rather than come into the building

## **Health and Safety at Clayton Elementary**

I want to reassure all families that we are following all health and safety guidelines as laid out by the district. The district is getting all of their information and protocols from the BC Health Office and the CDC. They have worked all summer to put things into place to make our school is as safe as possible.

A few of the many cleaning protocols that will be in place:

- Every classroom will be cleaned twice daily – once during the day when students will be out of the room and once after school
  - o This cleaning will include disinfecting all high touch surfaces, desks and chairs
- Students will be washing their hands many times throughout the day – upon entering the classroom, before and after outside and eating times, before and after leaving their room for any reason and more...
  - o For students in portables, we have purchased two outside sinks and two refillable water containers for handwashing as well as the bathrooms and PAC kitchen sink
  - o Hand sanitizer is readily available in all spaces but especially in those rooms without sinks
- We will have limited access to hallways – students in portables will be using back the outdoor pathway to access the bathrooms
- Staff will be wearing masks anytime they are outside of their learning group, students may choose to wear a mask at any time
- Parents and guardians are asked NOT to enter the building unless it's an emergency. We ask that you call or email us with questions – Lunches and snacks need to be brought with students at the beginning of the day and not dropped off for students.
- All adults will need to maintain physical distance at all times while on our school grounds – even if you are usually in each other's "bubbles"

These are just a few of the protocols we will have in place. There will be more information to come, but I wanted to give you a taste of the types of things we are putting into place.

Children NEED to get back to school. Our school will be safe, and we have to learn to safely live with this together.

From Dr. Bonnie Henry:

It's important to remember there are downsides of kids not being in school, said Henry. "And there are many children who are experiencing those now."

Those include increased anxiety and mental health issues and lack of time away from troubled family situations, she said. Henry added students who are academically challenged are falling behind. "Many of them have not been in a classroom for, it'll be up to 175 days, and the type of learning that many children need in that classroom setting is something that we need to make a priority," she said.

Without in-classroom learning, "We know that some children will fall behind and will never catch up. And this will affect them for the rest of their lives," said Henry. "It is important for us to be able to have school, manage school, despite having a pandemic. And we've done this before, and we can get through this."

<https://www.nsnews.com/news/provincial-health-officer-standing-firm-on-b-c-s-back-to-school-plan-1.24181530>

Again, and as always, please reach out with any questions and concerns. I have found that some parents just need a little more explanation, and I am happy to do that. Please reach out by phoning me at the office or emailing ([fenrick\\_l@surreyschools.ca](mailto:fenrick_l@surreyschools.ca)) so I can answer any specific questions and ease any concerns you may have.

Take care and see you on September 10!

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