



## École Élémentaire MARTHA CURRIE Elementary School

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To the Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

We hope everyone is continuing to enjoy a safe and fun summer. This morning, we received important information about options that families will have for September.

### **What are the two options my child has for September?**

Students will need to *choose one of two options* in September: 1) come to Martha Currie for face-to-face learning five days a week, or 2) do Surrey's Blended Model, which is online but still a part of Martha Currie.

#### 1) Face to Face Learning

-For families who come to school as 'normal', here is the schedule:

Kindergarten students will be coming for one hour on **one day** in week 1

- 12:30 – 1:30 Group A – Sept. 10

- 12:30 – 1:30 Group B – Sept. 11

-from there, a gradual entry will take place. More information is to come.

For Grades 1 to 7 students, there will be an orientation for one hour on Sept. 10 **AND** 11.

-this time will be used to teach about procedures, safety guidelines, expectations, etc.

- 9:00 – 10:00 Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

- 11:00 – 12:00 Grades 5, 6, 7

-grades 1 to 7 students will start full days on Monday, Sept. 14.

-These students will be in a class with an assigned teacher (by Sept .14), and they will be part of a cohort of maximum 60 people (including adults). Students within the cohort may be doing projects and activities together.

**OR**

#### 2) Blended Model

-students will be online with a teacher five mornings per week

-in the afternoon, the teachers will be doing one of three things daily:

-collaborating with colleagues who are also teaching the Blended Model

-contacting parents to support them; as parents will be supporting their child(ren)

or -gradually increasing face to face time for their students who choose to come into the school

-this will start once a week in September, and slowly increase to three times per week in November

\*the purpose is to get students comfortable with coming back to in-school learning

-there will be one opportunity to return to face-to-face learning full time. That will be on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

-these groups will be multi-grade groups

### **Where can I get more information?**

In today's update email, we are also forwarding an email from the District that lays out more information.

**When will I have to decide?**

IF your child decided to do the Blended Model, *you must register by Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>*. The registration form is included in the email that we forwarded from the District. We understand that late registrations will go on a waitlist.

**What should I do if I want to send my child(ren) back to school for face-to-face learning?**

Nothing, at this time. If you do *not* register for the Blended Model, we will assume your child will be here on Sept. 10/11 and after.

**What about Home Schooling?**

Home schooling is an ongoing option for parents. If you plan on home schooling your child(ren), we ask that you let the office staff know before Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**What happens next?**

There are still many details that the District is working out. We will keep you updated as we go forward. Please know that circumstances can change models, as COVID and its implications are unpredictable. In the meantime, our staff is starting the process to get ready for the new reality. We are very confident that our school will have as many safety protocols in place as we can, as Martha Currie proved in June.

Sincerely,  
Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd  
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)