

Dear Semiahmoo Families,

One more weekend closer to start-up and Labour Day weekend with a forecast of sun and heat ahead of us. As promised in our previous communiqué, we would like to provide you with a Health & Safety/COVID-specific message with this edition of the parental communiqué. In doing so, please note, there is a major Health & Safety meeting for all District leaders and school-based Health & Safety Committees tomorrow, and from this meeting we will have additional material to share with you next week. In the meantime, we would like to provide you with the currently-established safe health protocols (thus far) we will be following to ensure everyone's health and safety in our building.

We look forward to working with your child this year, and doing so in a safe and learning-rich environment. Be well and stay healthy.

Warmest regards,

Semiahmoo Administration – Mr Bal Ranu, Ms Debbie Johnson, Mr Rob Dewinetz, and Mr Derek Strauss

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**Guiding Principles, 2020-2021** from Jordan Tinney (Superintendent of Schools, Surrey School District)

[Where possible,] we want...

- as many Students in school as physically practical and within the health guidelines
- to keep our cohorts and contacts as small as possible to minimize contact
- Students to get the courses they requested in the Spring
- our Students to remain on the graduation pathway that they expect
- our Teachers teaching the courses that they normally would teach
- our Support Staff to provide assistance and support in the courses they know
- Parents to know what to expect and to be confident that our learning program will be strong and consistent across all schools

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### **Safety & Health in the Building**

To ensure students and staff (and family at home) remain safe, we are instituting the following safety practices:

#### **Symptoms – at Home and/or at School**

- Students and staff are asked to perform a daily health self-check each morning before coming to school, and if they are symptomatic then they are to remain at home.
- Examples of symptoms include headache, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new or worsening cough, temperature equal to or over 38°C, feeling feverish or chilled or fatigued, body aches, new loss of smell or taste.

- If a student or staff members becomes symptomatic during the day, then they are required to put on a mask and contact the office, and the First Aid Attendant will perform an assessment—the person will be seated in a room set aside for COVID-related matters, and a family member will be contacted to pick-up the symptomatic individual and take them home to follow the guidance of their health care provider.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Staying Clean**

- KEY: wash hands often and use the provided hand sanitizer—hand sanitizer stations will be placed in the building.
- Students will be provided with two (2) masks; however, if a student wishes to use their own mask, then they are permitted to do so.
- Masks are to be worn in high-traffic areas, eg. hallways, on busses, and in other scenarios in which physical distancing between on-cohort members cannot be maintained.
- Students are asked to continue to cough into their elbow and avoid touching their faces.
- Food and personal items should NOT be shared.
- During lunch break, students are welcome to connect with peers from other cohorts, HOWEVER they are required to maintain a 2 metre physical distance and use masks.

### **Cleaning of the Building**

- The building will be cleaned accordingly:
  - general cleaning – x1/day
  - frequently-touched areas – x2/day (eg. railings, tables/desks, chairs, toilet handles)
  - garbage containers – x1/day
  - electrostatic sprayer – x2/day
- A bleach-free electrostatic sprayer will be operated by a custodian wearing a mask, and this machine will be used throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be cleaned during the day; therefore, a class may be asked to step into the hall for several minutes while the custodial cleaning team cleans the room before the students re-enter to continue class.

### **Student Access/Exit to the Building**

- All entrances will be open in the morning and again after lunch.
- Students are asked to ENTER the building in the morning through an entrance nearest their Period 1 classroom and then go directly to this classroom.

- End of Period 1 – Senior students are asked to EXIT the building through an exit nearest their Period 1 classroom and then go directly home for lunch and to prepare for Period 2.
- End of Period 1 – Junior students and senior students during Tue/Wed/Thu are asked to EXIT their Period 1 classroom and follow the directional flow of the building as they move to a location for lunch.
- Start of Period 2 – Junior students and senior students during Tue/Wed/Thu are asked to follow the directional flow of the building to arrive at their Period 2 classroom.
- End of Period 2 – Junior students and senior students during Tue/Wed/Thu are asked to EXIT the building through an exit nearest their Period 2 classroom and then go directly home.
- If a student plans to remain on site to receive additional support from a teacher or participate in a physically-distanced small-group meeting or athletic practice, then this action needs to be confirmed by the teacher/coach.

### **Movement within the Building**

- Throughout the building, there will be arrows and signs on the walls to indicate the directional flow throughout all hallways and stairwells—students are expected to follow the directional arrows.
- Some stairwells are “Up Only” or “Down Only” while others are bi-directional with stanchions/ropes separating the up traffic from the down traffic.
- When travelling in the hallways and up/down most stairwells, students are required to stay to the right side of the hallway/stairwell.
- All washrooms will be open—these will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- If a student is required to leave their classroom during class time, then they are asked to follow the directional arrows to their destination, UNLESS they are using the washroom—students are to use the nearest washroom during class time.
- Only one (1) student per class may be excused to use the washroom at a time.

### **Reducing/Eliminating Physical Contact**

- Students will not be assigned or be able to use lockers.
- For Physical Education (PE), change rooms will be used to change in to sports attire, and then these rooms will be locked afterwards—change room lockers will not be used.
- All PE classes will be physically distanced, and hand washing will be required BEFORE and AFTER class.

- All water fountains are closed except for the auto-fill stations.
- Gatherings of 50 or more people are not permitted.
- More details to come with regards to computer labs, home economics labs, band, and shop classes.

**The Classroom**

- Students will be assigned a desk or seat at a table for each course/classroom.
- Upon entering or exiting the classroom, please do so in a patient and physically-distanced manner.

**Parent Access to the Building**

- While parents are always welcome in the building, we ask that you first make an appointment before arriving at the school, use only the Main Entrance (facing the parking lot), follow the stanchioned pathway, maintain physical distancing, and report to the Office window upon your arrival—please do not enter the building by any other door or move past the main foyer.
- We will not be able to accommodate the delivery of lunches to the school for students. We ask that students bring their lunches to school, or arrange for a lunch drop-off during lunch hour, either off campus or in the parking lot.
- The parent use of the parking lot will need to look differently this year. If you are dropping-off a child, please do not use the driveway or laneways between the parking stalls; if picking-up a child, please do not sit for lengthy periods—arrive close to the bell—and either remain in your car or next to it. Finally, when parking, you must use a parking stall—there is to be NO parking in the laneway or driveway or around the meridian.
- Wherever possible, any fees related to school (eg. student, grad, course) will be collected via the on-line fee payment system.

**Orientation Days – Sep 10<sup>th</sup> (Thu) & Sep 11<sup>th</sup> (Fri) – REVISED**

**Important:** Parents are NOT to be in the school for the Orientation Week—this event is for students only.

**Thursday (Sep 10)**

**Grade 8**

08:15	10 min	Check Postings at Front of School for Cohorts
08:25	05 min	Warning Bell—go to assigned Gym
08:30 – 08:45	15 min	Cohorts in Gyms—Large (West and East) and Small Gym
<i>08:45 – 08:55</i>	<i>10 min</i>	<i>Travel to Homeroom</i>
08:55 – 09:15	20 min	Homeroom (Period 1)
09:30 – 10:00	30 min	Period 1

10:00 – 10:10	10 min	Break – Period 1 Teacher escorts students to Period 2 classroom
10:10 – 10:45	35 min	Period 2 / Dismiss – leave the building

**Grade 9**

12:50	10 min	Warning Bell
01:00 – 01:30	30 min	Homeroom (Period 1)
01:30 – 02:00	30 min	Period 1
02:00 – 02:10	10 min	Break – class change
02:10 – 02:40	30 min	Period 2 / Dismiss – leave the building

**Friday (Sep 11)**

**Grade 10**

08:20	10 min	Warning Bell
08:30 – 09:00	30 min	Homeroom (Period 1)
09:00 – 09:30	30 mins	Period 1 / Dismiss – leave the building

**Grade 11**

10:05	10 min	Warning Bell
10:15 – 10:45	30 min	Homeroom (Period 1)
10:45 – 11:15	30 min	Period 1 / Dismiss – leave the building

**Grade 12**

11:50	10 min	Warning Bell
12:00 – 12:30	30 min	Homeroom (Period 1)
12:30 – 01:00	30 min	Period 1 / Dismiss – leave the building

**Grade 10, 11, and 12 – On-Line Course**

02:00 – 02:45	45 min	Period 2 – virtual meeting on-line
02:45		Dismiss

**Contact with School**

Although the school is not accessible to families, the Main Office is open from 8:00-2:00. If you have any questions, please call us at 604.536-2131 or e-mail at: [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca)

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