

Dear École Qayqayt Families,

Welcome back! I can't tell you how excited I am to see everyone in September and to welcome everyone back to the school. I hope that all the children were able to have summer breaks that were filled with adventure and joy. I also recognize that the summer can be a difficult time for some children, or that changes in families or situations can occur, if there is anything that you feel the school should know please do not hesitate to reach out to me at scameron@sd40.bc.ca or 604-517-6050.

We know that you have likely been anxiously awaiting information about the first day of school, and we greatly appreciate your patience.

On **Tuesday, September 6th**, students in Grade 1 to 5 will attend from 8:50-9:50.

Parents will receive an email no later than 6pm on Tuesday evening, from your child's new teacher. The classroom teacher will let you know the drop-off and pick up location beginning on Wednesday morning. Please do not bring school supplies to school until Wednesday, September 7th.

Returning Students:

On Tuesday, September 6th, your child should **return to their classroom from last year**. Their teacher from last year will be eagerly waiting at their line up spot from last year to welcome them back to school.

New Students:

On Tuesday, September 6th, new students please report to the main office where you will be escorted to the library. New students will be dismissed at the main entrance.

Kindergarten Students:

Kindergarten students do not attend. An email was sent on Wednesday, August 31st with details regarding interviews and the gradual entry schedule. Kindergarten students' first full day of school is September 19th.

On Wednesday, September 7th students will attend a full day of school. (except for Kindergarten students)
Please send your child to school with food for the day and a water bottle.

School Supplies for Grade 1-5:

If you have purchased school supplies independently, please send them to school with your child on Wednesday, September 7th. If you have ordered through School Start, they will be distributed to your child at school. School Supply lists can be found on our school website: <https://qayqaytschool.ca/parents/notices-information/supply-lists/>

If you would like to order from School Start: <https://schoolstart.ca/>

Construction:

There is currently substantial road construction happening along Agnes Street and on the corner of Merivale Street; please keep this in mind for pick up and drop off and consider parking along Royal Avenue or Fourth Street and walking to school. The plan is for construction to be halted just prior to 8:50 and 3:00 but there will still be minimal parking and anticipated congestion. A friendly reminder that families should not be parking or walking through the staff parking lot to ensure the safety of our students.

If you know that your child will not be at school on the first day, please email or call the office to notify us. It is extremely important that we have a clear understanding of which children will be returning to École Qayqayt elementary in September, and which children are moving on to different schools.

We know that families often have questions around the return to school, and we encourage you to reach out to us anytime that you have questions or concerns. We want the transition back to school to be joyful and easy for you, and your child. Please feel free to stop by the office, or to call or email. Below are some important contacts:

Office Phone Number (Secretaries: Tanya Macera and Jackie Rose-Madill): 604-517-6050

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Principal Email: scameron@sd40.bc.ca

I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and connecting, where each child further develops their identity, independence, and love of learning.

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Suzanne Cameron

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