



LORD ASQUITH SCHOOL

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Hello LAS Students and Families!

I hope this letter finds everyone well. It has certainly been an interesting past couple weeks, and I would like to personally thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times. As you all know, the Province of Saskatchewan declared that last week be a “pause” on education in the province so that plans could be made to transition to our new normal, however temporary that new normal may be. I just want to remind and reassure everyone that even though the building may be closed, we are still a *school*, and we are here for you.

As a school, our main priority right now is supporting families in the continuation of learning for our students. We have been informed that formal classes will be suspended indefinitely and that is not likely to change; however, parents and students will have the option to engage in Supplemental Learning. The reasons for choosing Supplemental Learning for students may include: keeping kids engaged in learning, exploring content that had not yet been covered in a course, continuing skill development, and/or preparing for success in the next grade or level of school. Beginning today, our staff will be reaching out to each family to assess the needs, wishes, and concerns for each student and family. Teachers will then begin work in develop a learning plan for their students that are wishing to engage in Supplemental Learning.

Please be assured that parents will not be expected to provide “home schooling” for kids. We understand that these are anxiety-inducing times, and many parents and caregivers are busy with their own jobs and cannot be expected to “teach” their kids in the same manner that would be happening at school. And that’s ok! As our Director of Education Lori Jeschke reminds us, “Learning is Everywhere” and the following principles will guide our work in this remote learning climate:

- We believe that learning is about the well-being of the learner. We commit to providing learning opportunities for all students that foster assurance and well-being.
- We believe that learning is rooted in family and community. We commit to providing learning opportunities that encourage the learner to engage with family and the broader community.
- Learning is growing - intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We commit to providing learning that supports the intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual growth of all learners.
- Learning is about making connections and connecting with others. We commit to connecting with families and learners and helping them to connect their learning to their own lives and to the lives and learning of others.

Our teachers and staff are looking forward to connecting with you in the coming days. As mentioned earlier, the purpose of these conversations is to offer our support and to hear about how we can help in continuing student learning at home. We are all missing our students and are really excited about reengaging with them in their learning!

Sincerely,

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