



LORD ASQUITH SCHOOL

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Hello LAS Families,

The Lord Asquith School Safe School Plan has now been uploaded to our school website. These plans have been developed based on the guidelines set forth by the Ministry of Education, Saskatchewan Health, and the Prairie Spirit School Division. As mentioned in previous communications and in our Safe School Plan, this document represents the plans that will be in place for the first six weeks of school, and will be constantly evaluated and readjusted to respond to changing circumstances. Families will be informed of any changes and updates that are made.

Earlier this month, the Premier announced that the new start date for the school year would be **Tuesday, September 8**. The Prairie Spirit school year calendar has been updated to reflect this new start date. Please note Prairie Spirit has made a change to our return to school plans. With the approval of the Ministry of Education and our local Medical Health Officer, Prairie Spirit schools will be implementing a “**soft start**” for the week of September 8 - 11.

- Our school will be dividing their student population into two cohorts or groups:
 - Students with the last name beginning in A to O will attend school on **Tuesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 10**.
 - Students with the last name beginning in P to Z will attend on **Wednesday, September 9 and Friday, September 11**.
 - Siblings with different last names can attend on the day of the youngest child, if they choose.
- Starting with smaller groups of students will give our students and staff the opportunity to:
 - practice new routines in classrooms, hallways, playgrounds and buses
 - establish patterns of movement within the school
 - provide opportunities to acknowledge and support a variety of emotions
- All students will attend school starting on **Monday, September 14**.

School administration are in the process of reaching out to families who have indicated on the PSSD Parent Survey that their students may be interested in homeschooling, online distance learning, or blended learning to start the school year. *To aid in our planning, please contact the school as soon as possible if your child will not be attending in-person schooling this fall.* We would be happy to discuss the various learning options with you.

We know that there have been a lot of questions surrounding the start of the school year, and on behalf of my staff I want to sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding as we find ways to balance the physical and mental health and the learning needs of our students. Please be assured that we will be doing everything possible to keep our students safe and engaged in learning.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brett Kirk
Principal

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Vice-Principal