

COVID-19 PARENT UPDATE #2

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

River East Transcona School Division continues to work with staff from Manitoba Education and Manitoba Health to advise our decision making while we maintain educational programming for our students.

We know that this is an uncertain and stressful time for children and families. We will continue to work with you to provide learning opportunities for your children. Our goal is to provide stability for students and to continue to connect them to the important communities that they build at school.

We recognize that each family situation will be different. Please know that teachers will be providing learning opportunities to students, but families will need to make decisions on how these resources will be used.

Over the course of this week, you should be receiving the following information from your child's teacher:

- Suggested learning opportunities that focus on practice, extension, and/or preparation. This could include time to read, write, draw, play, and research.
- Communication tools that will allow teachers to check in with students and/or families to see how things are going and to provide additional supports.

We hope that your family can find opportunities to stay physically active during this time as well.

There have been many links provided on social media to online resources that parents could use with children. While teachers will be providing resources, if parents choose to supplement these resources, we ask that you carefully monitor these sites to check what data is being collected and shared by these online platforms/partners.

Please note the following information regarding school operations for the week of March 16 – 20, 2020:

Classroom:

- regular programming is continuing as much as possible
- social distancing and hand washing are being processed
- shared resources are being limited

Arts Programming

- all rehearsals and performances are cancelled

Phys. Ed. Programming

- intramurals with large numbers of students are cancelled
- after school and lunch hour practices are cancelled

Industrial Arts/Human Ecology/Vocational

- programming that takes place in another building is discontinued
- work placements are discontinued

Field Trips

- Field Trips are cancelled

User Pay Lunch Programs

- User pay lunch programs continue while classes are in session

The safety and well-being of all members of our school community is paramount; we will continue to provide information to you as it becomes available.

The National Association of School Psychologists put together a resource for parents on how to support their children at home regarding COVID-19: [https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

