



Kildonan-East Collegiate

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate the new normal of this school year. At this time, students and teachers are beginning to find their routines for teaching and learning. In many situations, coursework is happening both in classrooms and remotely. We want to assure you, that regardless of the mode of delivery, we are committed to:

- relationships between teachers and students
- relationships between students
- access to the curriculum
- ongoing feedback and assessment
- communication between teachers, students, and families

Remote teaching and learning is new to many of us. We would like to share what you can expect during remote learning.

Students and teachers will connect through Microsoft Teams. A guide for parents and guardians can be found [here](#). If you have not already done so and require access to a device and/or internet, please contact the school principal and we will make arrangements for technology access.

During in class learning, teachers are reviewing and teaching excellent and appropriate digital literacy skills. These involve highlighting respect, kindness, and professionalism in all interactions in addition to following RETSD's policies and Code of Conduct both in class and when students are at home working remotely.

Remote learning will look differently than face-to-face learning. The daily structure of the classroom cannot be replicated over a screen. When students are participating in many different courses, we want to be careful with the amount of attention students have to give solely to a screen. Students and teachers may connect as a large group, small groups, or individually during the week, and students should be prepared to work independently as well. You can expect:

- Students may have some real time, online learning when teachers need to connect with the community, engage in conversations, or provide instructions or additional support.
- Students will have daily independent work to complete in each course. This independent work could include:
 - reading
 - practice
 - responding
 - applying learning to a project
 - demonstrating understanding for assessment



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During remote learning, teaching and learning will be connected to the curriculum of the course and will meet the provincial requirements as it would during in class learning. All work, both in class and remote will be assessed by teachers.

Remote learning may or may not take place at the scheduled time. This is to respect the different situations that families may be in with other responsibilities and technology access. Teachers will give students advance notice of when they need to meet online. Teachers will also monitor and keep track of all interactions that they have with students. These interactions may be meetings, chats, assignment posts, or other connections. Parents will be notified if regular contact with students is not maintained during remote learning.

We wish to remind parents that schools have worked diligently to put routines and systems in place to keep students safe. These include cohorting, mask use, physical distancing, and good hand hygiene. We depend on students and families to maintain these routines on remote learning days. Students should be limiting contact with groups of students and should be following the public health guidelines.

While we appreciate and understand the importance of athletics and extra curricular activities for our students, our priority continues to be student safety and quality of curricular educational programming. Therefore, for the first semester and potentially the second semester we will not be offering our traditional slate of extra curricular activities. We will, however, look for opportunities for students within their cohort groupings in athletics, arts, and clubs. These opportunities may be in person or online and only where possible while maintaining safety guidelines.

Parents and students should reach out to teachers if there are any concerns or if additional support is required. We recognize that this is a difficult and stressful time and we continue to value our partnerships.

And thank you for continuing to use the Shared Health COVID-19 Screening Tool <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> before students come to school

Sincerely,

Darwin MacFarlane

Principal