

Turtle River School Division

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As you are aware, Manitoba Education has suspended in-school classes for the week before and the week after Spring Break. Please know that your child's school and teacher have been busy planning and preparing work for students. This work may look different from grade-to-grade, class-to-class, and school-to-school.

Each teacher and school have determined what form of distance learning would work best for your child. In some cases, it may involve work packages in paper/print form and in some cases it may be electronic and involve online learning and the use of technology. Additionally, we are seeing some teachers use a blended model of both. They have created learning plans that will continue the students as they continue learning while being away from school. Teachers and Schools will continue to make important decisions on how to best support your child's learning.

Teachers are creating a variety of learning experiences and opportunities for students which may include the review of previously taught concepts as well as the introduction of some new concepts. Teachers are guided by the Manitoba curriculum as well as knowing which essential concepts and skills your child will need moving forward. As your child continues to grow and develop, they must continue to engage in learning. Please know that your child's school and teacher will be here to continue to support students.

Furthermore, you will look forward to teachers and schools communicating and contacting you in a variety of ways. Some schools and teachers have indicated that they will use a variety of methods; some that they have already been using effectively to stay in touch with parents currently. Popular communication methods include: email, telephone, and some are using a form of texting; using apps such as Remind. Please note, that teachers and schools will be continuing with the communication between them and yourselves. You may contact your child's teachers during school hours using their Turtle River School Division email or work phone number provided by their teachers.

In order to get the work packages to you prior to classes being suspended, schools and teachers will let you know when it is best to pick up these packages of student work. Some schools will be sending it home with students that are present and some will ask you to stop and pick it up. Again, it may look a little different for each school. Please check with your child's teacher or school in order to find out how this will work for your child.

Sincerely,

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