

March 17, 2020

Dear Bon Accord Community School Families,

First of all, thank you very much for your ongoing patience! This is an unprecedented situation that none of us have ever been through and we are working diligently to put the right plans in place to support your children moving forward. We recognize there may be some confusion or concerns with what 'school' looks like for our students moving forward, and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us. You can call the school at (780) 921-3559, contact your child's teacher, or email me at aaron.chute@sturgeon.ab.ca.

There have been a few questions for us and I wanted to do my best to answer them for you:

1. When can I get my child's belongings?

Staff will be bagging and labelling all items belonging to students from classrooms and/or lockers. We have created a pickup schedule based on the number of students in each name grouping. Items will be available at the front doors of the school during your assigned time slot on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be limiting the number of people collecting items in the front entrance to 25 at a time. Please check in at the table just inside the front entrance. Items will only be released to the parent/guardian of students. However, if you or your child is sick, please do not come to the school to collect items. Alternate arrangements can be made for pickup. If you wish to have others pick up items for you, please ensure they arrive with written consent from you. If the time does not work for you, please let your child's teacher know so that alternate arrangements can be made after Spring Break. If you have library books, home reading, classroom books, or any other items that belongs to the teachers or the school, we ask that you return it at this time.

Last Name	Pickup Time
A to C	Wednesday, March 18 – 9:00am to 10:00am
D to H	Wednesday, March 18 – 10:00am to 11:00am
I to M	Wednesday, March 18 – 11:00am to 12:00pm
N to R	Wednesday, March 18 – 1:00pm to 2:00pm
S to Z	Wednesday, March 18 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Last Name	Pickup Time
A to M	Thursday, March 19 – 9:00am to 11:00am
N to Z	Thursday, March 19 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm

2. When will online learning begin?

All learning will go live and online beginning on Wednesday, March 18th. You should expect to hear from your child's teacher on Wednesday morning! Programming will pause during Spring Break and online classes will resume on March 30th. Teachers have been reaching out to families to make sure that families are prepared and ready to access online work for their children. If you do not have online access, please contact your classroom teacher to set up an alternative to access the work. Our teachers will either be using Seesaw or Google Classrooms as the platforms to deliver instruction. They will have daily contact on these forums with your children. If you require support connecting to the tools being used by the teacher for online learning, please call the school or contact your child's teacher.

3. Will my students still receive marks and grades?

Yes. Teachers will still be required to input marks into Powerschool. It is important that your child try to complete the work as independently as possible in order to provide accurate assessments which will set them up for success.

4. I have paid for an upcoming field trip, hot lunch, fundraising, etc. Will I get my money back?

If you paid for an upcoming field trip it will go as a credit on your account which will then stay on your child's account to be used at a later date.

For hot lunch orders or fundraising (cash calendar, etc), the PSS team will be in touch soon with more information about how this will all be addressed.

5. Is the school open during the day?

At this point the school phones are still on and the staff are still working out of the building but parents and children are unable to access the school unless something has previously been set up with a staff member. These visits will only be for pick up of items if needed. There will be no staff/parent meetings held but you are free to call the school should you need to speak with your child's teacher. At this point, we are recommending email as the ideal form of contact.

6. How long will my child be doing school online?

At this point, the government has indicated the timeline is indefinite, which means that at this point in time we have no date in which we are expecting students to return to school.

Please know that our staff are still here for you and to serve our students. If you need any support, please reach out so that we can help in any way! Thank you once again for being so understanding and patient!



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