



December 7, 2020

Dear Elementary School Families,

As we move through the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas, we wanted to take the opportunity to inform all families about the next modality change between remote/virtual schooling and conventional schooling that is set to take place on Monday, February 1, 2020 (start of Term 2).

Given the logistics involved in preparing both staff and students for such change, we are requesting that families wishing to transition from remote/virtual schooling to conventional schooling **OR** from conventional schooling to remote/virtual schooling indicate their desire using the following surveys below. The survey will be open until Friday, December 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Transition from remote/virtual schooling to the conventional schooling:

<https://forms.gle/26Jd3HmJns6m4Ate9>

Transition from conventional schooling to remote/virtual schooling:

<https://forms.gle/Go35HNMe9nFGdsHEA>

Since remote/virtual schooling is a new offering this school year, largely in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is important to understand the nature of the program in making an informed choice for your child.

Like conventional schooling, remote/virtual schooling operates from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, with mandatory daily attendance in both the morning and afternoon. There is a lunch break at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, with developmentally appropriate breaks throughout. Remote/virtual schooling has the same rigor as conventional schooling, meaning that the expectations of students remain the same, as do the attendance and reporting requirements.

Kindly note that the virtual learning that occurred in the spring of 2020 due to the school closure is not a reflection of the present remote/virtual schooling. Families are also responsible for ensuring that there is adequate supervision and monitoring of children while they are working from home, regardless of grade. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school principal.

Please note that this will be the last opportunity to make a change between programs for the 2020-2021 school year. No exceptions will be made after the transition on February 1, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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