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Good afternoon Students and Families:

Thank you all for your patience as we prepare to begin at home learning with our students starting tomorrow, Thursday April 29 / 21. This is scheduled to continue until Wednesday May 12th; we will send home any additional updates as we receive them. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare and we ask that you review the information below with students:

Daily Schedule

- ✓ All students follow their regular school schedule every day (please see the attached schedule for the times that the class will be synchronous (in person online) and asynchronous (teacher is available to answer questions and support student learning) during independent work time)
- ✓ Teachers will be using Google Meet to connect with students and using Google Classroom to post accompanying learning materials. Some teachers may also use Moodle.
- ✓ Tomorrow we are following our Thursday schedule which is D block in the morning and C block in the afternoon

During students' asynchronous time, teachers will:

- ✓ Assign follow-up work for students to practice, reinforce, and demonstrate learning (this may be individual or small group work)
- ✓ Check in with individuals or small groups
- ✓ Be available to support students who are working on assigned tasks via Google Meet, e-mail etc.

Student Attendance

- ✓ Teachers will take daily attendance during synchronous on-line classes and enter this into PowerSchool daily.

What will the school day look like for students?

Students will:

- ✓ Participate fully in learning opportunities developed for them by their teachers
- ✓ Submit completed work to their teachers
- ✓ Comply with the policies of the province, school, and RCE/CSAP, including but not limited to attendance, assessment, and the network access use for synchronous and asynchronous learning and code of conduct (i.e. Students are expected to adhere to the same expectations in their online classes as they would at school, contribute to an orderly and safe online learning environment, and respect the rights of others)
- ✓ Understand that, while learning from home, they will continue to receive ongoing feedback on their work

- ✓ Continue to have their work assessed by teachers and included as part of their report card
- ✓ Let teachers or other school staff know if more support is needed to assist with achievement or well-being
- ✓ Continue to receive support to address individual social emotional and learning needs

General Information

- ✓ Students can make arrangements to pick up additional learning materials by coordinating with the main office (Chromebook(s), Textbook)
- ✓ Learning Support Teachers and Guidance Counsellors are available during the school day to support students
- ✓ Our African Nova Scotia Student Support Worker and Indigenous Student Support Worker are available to support students during the school day

Teachers will send out specific information via Google Classroom or Moodle to all their students this afternoon to help prepare them to get started in the morning.

Please reach out to your teacher(s), counsellors, support workers, or the main office if you need support.

Stay safe and well

Greg, Marilyn, Karen, and Glen

Halifax West School Administration Team