

September 10, 2020

RE: DPCDSB REMOTE LEARNING SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Remote Learning School. Staff have been collecting data, creating class lists and schedules in preparation for the school start up. Class sizes are in compliance with Ministry of Education guidelines.

First Day of Remote Learning: Remote learning begins the week of Monday, September 14, 2020. Grade 7 and 8 remote learning teachers will contact parents/guardians on Monday, September 14 and/or Tuesday, September 15. Grades 4-6 remote learning teachers will contact parents/guardians on Tuesday, September 15 and/or Wednesday, September 16. FDK-Grade 3 remote learning teachers will contact parents/guardians on Wednesday, September 16 and/or Thursday, September 17. Students will begin their remote learning on the day following the contact days of the remote classroom teacher.

Remote School Times: School begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Lunch is scheduled between 11:43-12:43.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken twice daily. Similar to in-class learning, attendance issues will be addressed by the remote teacher and if required, the remote principal for follow up. If your child will be absent, please contact the remote learning teacher.

Remote Learning Platforms: Google Classroom and Desire2Learn will be the platforms teachers will be using for their instruction. If a device for learning is required and was requested, then parents/guardians will be contacted by the student's home school.

Learning Environment: Create a learning space which may include a desk or table, school supplies such as writing tools, paper, scissors, rulers, crayons etc. Use a clock or timer to assist with student tasks. In the event of unexpected disruptions, (e.g. your work schedule, computer issues) have an activity readily available (e.g. book to read). During recess, lunch and after school, you may want to provide time for outdoor activities, movement breaks, non-screen activity, and/or safely socializing with family and friends.

Learning Devices: If you advised your home school that you require a device, you can expect communication regarding an opportunity for device pick up. If you have not been contacted in this regard, please contact your home school office directly.

Due to on-going changes in enrollment, please be aware there may be delays in finalizing class placements. It is our hope to be as adaptable as possible to support student placement and needs. We will work to reorganize classes as necessary.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward together.