

July 2, 2020

Happy Summer to FCS families. As summer holidays begin, I would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing and healthy summer break! The past 3+ months have provided parents, students and staff with many new challenges. It is only through the hard work of all parties that students were able to continue with their learning, albeit in a totally different format than any of us expected. Fox Creek School thanks you for your commitment and support of your child's learning. We know it wasn't always easy as you juggled other parts of your life-thank you! It was only with your help, support and partnership with the school, that student learning could continue. Moving forward into a new school year, FCS wants to provide you with as much information as possible. A final decision is expected by August 1 about what school will look like in September. This decision will be made by The Chief Medical Health Officer and the Minister of Education. Please refer regularly to the school's website for updated information (<https://www.foxcreekschool.ca/>). The three possible scenarios and implications for school can be found at the Alberta Education website <https://bit.ly/3dCURHS>. Once a decision has been made about re-entry, likely scenario 1 or 2, NGPS will send out further information as to how education will be delivered. These decisions are usually made by the end of June but with the uncertainty around which scenario we will follow in September, decisions will be made in August.

Preliminary FCS plans include the following: measured available spaces in learning areas so we know how many students can be accommodated; tables will be replaced by desks, as needed; removal of all soft surfaces (e.g. area carpets, couches, stuffies/puppets), or surfaces that cannot be easily cleaned; removal of all non-essential items from classrooms; started preparing packages of materials for use by individual students (e.g. manipulatives for math); fountains at water stations will be limited and students will use refillable water bottles; students will eat together in their classrooms; exploring playful ways to teach health and safety routines such as frequent hand washing, physical distancing and the importance of touching personal items only; exploring alternate ways of storing personal belonging inside and outside the classrooms; exploring entry/exit routines to accommodate health measures in place. Please be aware these plans may change based on information from The Chief Medical Health Officer and the Minister of Education.

Thank you again for working with us to provide the best possible learning experiences for your children. FCS staff look forward to working with you again in September. Ian, Fox Creek School.