

Dear Queen Elizabeth Families,

We continue to share our deepest hope that all members of our learning community are remaining safe and healthy while still enjoying opportunities for fun and connection with family and friends. We recognize that this continues to be a challenging time for many families within our community and beyond.

Queen Elizabeth has been busy preparing for a new way of connecting and learning. Staff have been planning to make learning both meaningful and manageable for all of our QE students and families. This next week, you will continue to receive more detailed information from your child's teacher about what the continuity of learning will look like. Teachers have been encouraged to go slowly and intentionally, so as not to overwhelm students and parents. Learning will look different in every home. Please contact teachers directly if you have questions.

The learning journey will look different in each classroom as well. Using technology, Microsoft TEAMS or other platforms, is new learning for many of our staff. It's exciting to be part of the learning! Teachers have been collaborating and supporting one another as we are working at different levels of comfort with all the new tools. We encourage your patience and understanding as we move forward. The District is also working to support all the issues that arise around the learning and the technology itself.

Please visit:

Continuity of Learning District

page: https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Continuity_of_Learning/Pages/default.aspx

As we move forward, we are reminding parents of the important document, Acceptable use of Technology, that was signed by every student, the parent and kept in each student file. Part of the Microsoft Teams platform is a space for students to chat with one another. The same behavior expectations, as stated in our Code of Conduct, which "encourages respect for others and safety," apply in our new virtual classrooms or when working online. Please review expectations with your children and have regular conversations about their learning.

This week the district worked closely with each school to ensure that all families have a device. We realize that for many families this will mean sharing a device amongst family needs.

As the continuous learning programs unfold, teachers are making adjustments and following VSB School District and Ministry of Education expectations and guidelines.

For students in **Kindergarten to Grade 3**, teachers will focus on literacy and numeracy through the core competencies. Teachers will assign work for five hours a week (about an hour a day) and will work with families to deliver these materials digitally (some paper resources may be needed.)

For students in **Grades 4-7**, teachers will continue to focus on literacy and numeracy through the core competencies. Teachers will assign work for 5-7 hours a week and will work with families to deliver these materials digitally.

Next week we will also be working with staff on plans to allow those students who need resources or items, access to the school. Please stay tuned as we work with individual classroom teachers on creating these plans. We need to ensure that all Health and Safety protocols are followed: safe distancing, proper cleaning of surfaces and items, limiting numbers, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

As we head into the Easter Long Weekend, we want to extend our sincere, heartfelt, best wishes to all you! Enjoy the forecasted warm, sunny weather but ensure you are following safe social distancing practices!

Kind regards,
Mrs. S.C. Car and Queen Elizabeth Staff