



# Dasmesh Punjabi School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

April 2, 2020

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well and that you are safe. Social isolation, whether it is from having to be self-quarantined or from social distancing, is difficult for us as social beings. We are embarking on new territory and I realize the stress this places on people. I could not ask for a better family community than our Dasmesh family to navigate these difficult waters.

I thank you for taking part in the parent survey sent out yesterday through your emails. Homeroom teachers will be consulting you based on your responses to help you through this difficult time.

Here is what to expect in this coming week:

I am pleased to see that many of you came to school today during your scheduled time to pick up student learning resources. You can expect to hear more from your classroom teacher by Friday. This could take various forms: email, phone call, video chat etc. Teachers are looking at creative ways to continue with your child's educational journey. Our teachers respect the fact that families are under stress and we do not want to add additional stressors to your family. Please communicate any concerns along the way with your homeroom teachers.

The Ministry of Education has suggested that students work for approximately 1.5 -3.0 hours a day depending on the grade level. This is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 6th. If this is not feasible for your family, please let us know. I want to stress that this should not add additional stressors to your family. If you don't have the materials at home, don't go to the stores and try to find them. Let your child's teacher know. We should be staying at home as much as possible.

Our building is considered in "lock down". This means that no person is allowed in the building without a scheduled appointment. The door will be locked, and we will not be going to answer the door for unscheduled appointments. Our custodial staff is scheduled around our appointments to maintain the building for safety. I don't want to have to turn people away at the doors unfortunately, I am required to do so.

Please continue to be patient as we move through this unknown territory. Communicate with us to avoid additional stressors. Our Dasmesh team is here to help during this challenging time. We want to support you and your students! I really hope to see you all in person before year end. Please stay in touch and I will continue to update you through email and school newsletters.

Thank you

Stay safe and take care  
Jaspal S Dhaliwal and your Dasmesh team  
Principal