



May 9, 2021

Re: Code RED in schools, Today's Government Announcement

Dear SCA Families,

The government has announced that we are moving into Code Red in schools. Kindergarten to Grade 12 students will go to remote learning from May 12th-30th. They have also announced that Kindergarten to Grade 6 students can attend school in person if they meet specific guidelines. Preschool will continue to run as normal.

The Pandemic Response System states that in a Critical (Red) response, schools are closed to students, with the exception of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who are children of at least one critical service worker (CSW) who cannot make alternative care arrangements.

If you indicated that you are a critical worker on the 'Critical and Essential Services Worker School Request Form' then your children are eligible to attend in-school learning. If you are an essential or non-essential worker, your children can log onto remote learning through their individual teachers' Google Meets.

Remote Learning (based on government standards)

- Manitoba Education Standards for Remote Learning provides the minimum standards for real-time instruction and independent work:

Real-time online instruction (based on government standards)

- **Kindergarten** - Kindergarten teachers will connect with the student, along with parents/guardians, a minimum of once per week to facilitate connection and provide support and play-based learning ideas. Kindergarten students will engage in one to two hours per day of play-based learning.
- **Grades 1-8** - Students must be available for the following real-time learning times:
- **Grades 1-4** - Five to six hours of real-time instruction per week with a minimum of two and a half hours per day of independent work
- **Grades 5-8** - Seven to eight hours of real-time instruction per week with a minimum of two and a half hours per day of independent work
- **Independent work** - Students are expected to engage in independent work, which could include reading, viewing, and responding to pre-recorded videos, and engaging in project-based learning. Student assignments will reflect the learning outcomes of the Manitoba curriculum. Assignments will be differentiated to meet the learning needs of students.

Springs Christian Academy's Approach to Remote Learning

- At Springs Christian Academy we work to pursue Christ and pursue excellence, which means we would be looking to go beyond the minimal requirement as set out by the government. We want to make sure that our students are offered the opportunity to have an excellent education.
- Springs Christian Academy plans to continue to offer both in-school and online remote learning. Our current plan is to have homeroom teachers from Grades 1-6 teaching at the front of the class and students who are remote learning are welcome to join in through Google Meets and Seesaw and follow along with paper

packages where applicable. Kindergarten will receive at-home packaging with a daily Google Meet and/or Seesaw.

- As a school, we would continue to communicate via email.
- Jr/Sr High Teachers will provide Google Meet links for their timetabled classes.
- As a school, we continue to seat our in-school students 6 feet apart and have a strict cleaning schedule.
- We will not be running our shuttle bus (partial refunds will be issued for those who have paid for the entire month of May)
- Before and after school program will be offered for critical workers children
- Please contact Mr. Simard psimard@springs.ca if you require a device in order to help your family with online learning

If you are a **critical worker** (based on the form you filled out in December) and your children are allowed to attend school, we will contact you on Monday.

If your child is sick or exhibiting symptoms, please inform the school and keep your child home.

If you choose to begin remote learning immediately, please email your children's teachers by 7:30 Monday morning.

So, that was a lot to take in. Take a deep breath, it is all going to be ok, we will get through this together. We continue to remind ourselves of our theme this year... HOPE.

But those who hope in the LORD(Jesus) will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

We encourage you to continue to speak life, health, hope, faith and love, in Jesus' name, over your home and family each day.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers and motherly figures in our lives. We love and appreciate you.

God Bless,
Kim Fuller and Wesley Meyer