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Dear Exshaw K- 8 Families,

Exshaw School continues to be open December 2-18 for face-to-face instruction. For students unable to come to school due to the Nakoda Bus Lines closure and will be learning from home December 2-18, the following plans are in place:

As part of the chromebook agreement, it is a requirement that all students are completing all assignments from their classroom teachers. Exshaw School staff want to continue to help our students learn throughout these times, whether they are learning in-person or from home.

### **At-Home Learning Grades K-8**

At-Home Learning instruction for K-8 will be provided through a blend of online instruction and independent work. Students learning from home will use Google Meet to tune into instruction online. Students learning from home must make sure that they follow the requirements of the learning as outlined below.

#### **Teaching and Learning Online**

Teachers will be supporting students in Grades K-8 using Google tools (i.e. Google Meet). Seesaw may also be used. Instruction will be provided through real-time, on-line teacher instruction in grade groups, small groups, one-on-one, pre-recorded videos and digital resources.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance will be taken in the morning (by 9:30 a.m.) and the afternoon (by 1:30 p.m.) as per usual.

#### **Subjects**

Grades K-8 students will focus on the curricular outcomes for English language arts, math, science and social studies.

- The curriculum taught to Kindergarten will be early literacy, early numeracy, science, social studies, physical skills and well-being.
- Students in Grades 1-8 will continue to learn and be assessed on the curricular outcomes for English language arts, math, science and social studies
- Physical education, health and wellness, and music, during the period of At-Home Learning

## Learning Time Commitment

Real-time online learning (through Google Meet) will be scheduled by the teacher for all students in the class. Real-time instruction includes one-to-one, small groups and whole class direct instruction. Teachers will create a schedule for all students in their class, to enable teachers and students to be available for a minimum of 2 hours of real-time online learning per day (one hour for Kindergarten).

This schedule will include instructional time and independent work time in each of the four core subject areas, similar to the way in which instruction is typically organized when it is face to face.

Independent work assignments will reflect the learning for each subject curriculum as identified by Alberta Education.

**A combined total of instruction and independent work per day for each grade is approximately:**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	3 hours per day	1 hour real time + 2 hours independent work
<b>Gr 1-3</b>	4 hours per day	2 hours real time + 2 hours independent work
<b>Gr 4-8</b>	5 hours per day	2 hours real time + 3 hours independent work

## Parent/Guardian Support

Parent/Guardian learning support will be dependent on each student's ability to work independently.

## Learning Materials

Technology: students will require access to a device (ie: laptop, computer or Chromebook). If needed a chromebook can be borrowed from the school for the duration of At-Home-Learning. Parents should contact your child's teacher or school administrator if a device is needed.

Learning environment: Ideally students should have a dedicated learning space where they can engage in online learning and complete learning assignments. This location should be free of distractions and have good lighting.

Sincerely,

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Principal  
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