

Friday 7 August 2020

Dear Primary Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information regarding our Primary-wide approach to distance learning ahead of the start date for Years 1 through 6 on Wednesday 12 August from 8:30am. While we acknowledge that distance learning brings with it a number of stern challenges for all involved, we believe that we can continue to become more effective and efficient by reflecting on and learning from our past experiences. Please note that you will receive Year and class-specific information directly from your class teacher early next week.

As a general guiding principle, we will aim to adapt as needed and implement best in-person learning practices in a distance learning context. This means that we will endeavour to support learning in the best way that we know how and continually ask the question – How might we effectively do this through distance learning? This is a mindset that will serve to support our continuous improvement and, of course, effective learning experiences for our students.

In terms of practical information, please see the points below:

- Each Primary student will need to have access to an appropriate device (tablet, laptop, or desktop computer) and be ready to begin distance learning at 8:30am on Wednesday 12 August.
- Each student will need to be logged-in to his/her RCHK Google and Zoom accounts to be able to join the first Zoom session at 8:30am on Wednesday 12 August. If you have forgotten your child's RCHK Google email address and/or password then you will have an opportunity to request it again from your class teacher early next week. Please wait until your class teacher has contacted you before doing this.
- Attendance is expected at every live classroom and single subject session, and attendance will be taken formally as per on-campus school.
- We will follow our on-campus timetable during distance learning to help to create and maintain positive learning routines throughout the school year. This will be shared with you early next week.
- We will continue to monitor and adjust our screen time practices to support the wellbeing of our students.

Once again, please refer to the [**Distance Learning Student Expectations and Parent Guidelines**](#).

We are feeling very positive about the beginning of the school year, and we look forward to seeing all of our students online next Wednesday. Please rest assured that we will continue to update you as circumstances change and reach out to you periodically to ask for your valuable feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jamie Schmitz
Head of Primary