



LAKEVIEW SCHOOL, M'Chigeeng First Nation

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Aanii Lakeview School families,

We hope this message finds you and your family well during these unusual and uncertain times. As you know, M'Chigeeng First Nation is taking action to “flatten the curve” related to the spreading of the COVID-19 virus in order to support public health and safety.

Some current measures taken include asking citizens to engage in social distancing efforts, closing public establishments where people gather, finding ways to support essential service employees to do their important work and support your local school with re-opening for in-class and online classes for your children.

Guiding Principles during COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students, families and staff is paramount.
2. Supporting vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
3. Providing continuity of educational opportunities for all students.

We have begun planning for student learning and want to let you know that there will be bus transportation available to begin making their rounds from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., so please have your child(ren) ready at your normal stop.

As a reminder, please make sure your child has indoor shoes, water bottle, and a mask. If your child does not have a water bottle and mask, the school will assist the child with these resources for daily usage.

Screening presently will be done by your child's classroom teacher and keep in mind that eventually parents will take on this role to screen their child(ren) before leaving your home. Each parent/family will receive the tools to assist with this responsibility.

Students in the Immersion Program will be fortunate to receive all day instruction in Anishnabemowin for this school year.

We also ask that you call the school or let your child(ren)'s classroom teacher to notify them if you do not have access to Wifi or a device.

Custodial and maintenance staff have been keeping our school safe and continue efforts to ensure the well being for your child(ren) and staff.

All school play structures will be fenced in indicating they should not be accessed.

A typical day will be somewhat different than normal, meaning:

- A. Students are to be wearing their face masks all day, except for areas and times when they can take a short break with them off. This includes on the bus, all students are to be wearing their masks on their bus.
- B. There will be 2 staff that will be unloading 10 students at a time to walk them to the main doors, where Teacher Assistants will assist them to their proper classes and this is one of the first safety procedures at school, which will be teaching students about safe distancing. For those that are being dropped off by caregiver, they will proceed to indicated area for drop off students and then taken to the school for class attendance.
- C. Upon entering the school/classroom, teachers will be taking temperature readings of each student before they proceed to the class. If a child's reading is 38 °C, teacher will monitor to make sure that temperature does not rise. If so, they will be escorted to the administration area for further monitoring.
- D. If a student is late, you are advised to make sure that your child(ren) are entering through the main doors, where they will be screened with a temperature reading, before being assisted to their classrooms.
- E. There will be indicators in the school (arrows on floor) to have a consistent and regular flow of direction, so that safe distancing is also practiced.
- F. Classroom teachers will be responsible for supervising their students during recess times (areas will be indicated as "bubbles" during these break times).
- G. Custodial staff during the day will be on hand to sanitize high travel areas, especially where students have had contact, ie., water dispenser, washrooms, door knobs, etc..
- H. If you child has one of the symptoms (Refer to Parent Handbook) at home, please do not send your child to school and it is recommended to go to the local health clinic for any referral that may be needed.
- I. If child gets ill in the classroom, protocol is as follows: child is escorted to isolation area (within administration area) and seated with constant monitoring and temperature readings. If temperature and/or symptoms are worsen, caregivers will be notified to come to school to pick your child immediately. Remaining class will be removed from classroom and cleaning staff will enter to do a thorough cleaning of the classroom before children re-enter.
- J. Classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:15 a.m.
- K. Parents are requested to schedule a time and day to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher if needed due to the fact, that parents are not allowed during regular school hours, unless for family emergency.

- L. Online Learning will not begin with all classes. Those classes that may start earlier, will notify their students/families.
- M. For those students who have registered for online learning, will receive homework packages from their classes during this short period of time that online learning is suspended. Teachers need time to fully adjust to continue with online teaching.

Our teachers and support staff will continue to play a key role in supporting student learning in a variety of ways and will endeavour to maintain ongoing communication with you and your child(ren). I would like to take the opportunity to thank the amazing staff at LVS who have been responsive to the rapidly evolving situation in the context of COVID-19.

We recognize that each family is unique and want to create a safe plan and way of delivering learning that will work best during this challenging time. We ask for your kindness, patience, and support.

Miigwetch for your continued cooperation and collaboration.

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