

Student Absences and Homework

Good morning Coalbanks families,

Over the weekend I have received numerous emails where families have informed me that their child(ren) are displaying symptoms that are either COVID like or cold/flu like. Parents have asked do they remain home if they are displaying symptoms and the answer to this question is “yes”. If they are Covid like a Covid test must be completed and a student is not able to return until results are received by families. Families then must share the results with the office before being able to return to school. If students are still displaying symptoms and they may not be Covid related but are symptoms on the self-questionnaire sent home earlier this month, students must still remain at home until symptoms are gone.

The second question from parents this weekend was if students are at home for multiple days can they join the At Home cohort to avoid falling behind in their academics and the answer to that is “no”. These classes are fixed at this time as any other class until the first pivot point. It would be completely unfair for me to continue to add students to this cohort. As previous years, if a student was to miss multiple days of school, you would simply contact your child’s homeroom teacher and request work from the teacher to be completed at home while the student is absent. Teachers will have a package ready for pickup at the office for any family requesting homework. We want to ensure that no child falls behind in their learning.

We are aware that Covid results are taking a little longer than a few weeks ago; however, those are the guidelines that we are asked to follow at this time. If you need any assistance with getting homework for your child(ren), please call the office during regular work hours and we will assist with getting things ready for your family.

I hope this clarifies a few things regarding missed days and homework. If I have not answered any of your questions, please email me at joey.gentile@lethsd.ab.ca. Have a wonderful start to the week.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joey Gentile

Principal