

October 30, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Public Health has announced that the Winnipeg Metro area will be moving to red level restrictions as of Monday, November 2, 2020. However, schools in the Winnipeg Metro area will continue operating at the orange level restrictions announced last Friday. Public Health continues to acknowledge that there has not been widespread transmission of COVID-19 in schools, and they continue to highlight the many benefits of having children attend school in person. Therefore, there will be no significant changes at Faith Academy as a result of the announcement made today. We will move forward with the orange level protocols that were put in place this week. Please pray for Faith Academy, our students, and staff during this difficult time. We look forward to seeing your children at school next week.

Thank you,

James Harnett
Superintendent
Faith Academy
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October 28, 2020

Good Morning,

Monday was a big day at Faith Academy. More than half of the students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 moved to a new area in the school to engage in learning – we have worked very hard to spread students out as much as possible throughout both campuses. In the high school, a new schedule has been developed that will allow for less students to be seated in any one classroom at any given time. While we are happy to take steps to further reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission at Faith Academy, these changes do create many new challenges for our teachers and staff that will require a great deal of attention and effort. In addition, we continue to see great value in having students attend school in person on a regular basis. As a result, Faith Academy **will not** be providing the remote learning opportunities allowed during orange level restrictions at this time. Please continue to send your children to school and trust that we will do our very best to ensure that Faith Academy is a safe place where students can continue to learn and grow in a Christ-centered environment.

Thank you,

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October 23, 2020

Good Morning,

Public health has advised that schools in Winnipeg will be moving to orange level restrictions as of Monday, October 26, 2020. These new restrictions include the following:

- Schools must ensure two metres of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, and adjust classroom space as necessary; excess furniture must be removed from classrooms to create additional space; other spaces within schools must be repurposed to accommodate more distancing (e.g., multipurpose rooms, empty rooms, shared spaces, common areas, and libraries).
- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if all learning and distancing requirements have been met. If these activities continue, established guidelines must be followed and, in the case of sports, participants should maintain distance when not active.
- Teachers and staff who move across cohorts of students, including substitute teachers, are required to wear medical masks. Medical-grade disposable masks have been issued to all schools. N95 masks are not required.
- Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are not permitted.
- All field trips must be postponed or cancelled.
- Blended learning (in-class and online) for grades 9–12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue as per status quo.
- K–8 students may be offered a temporary remote learning option for the duration of the Restricted level (Orange).
- All other public health measures are still in effect.

Faith Academy **will not** be in a position to offer remote learning to K–8 students on Monday, October 26, 2020. However, we will be working to move students into different areas of our buildings (gymnasiums, chapel, multipurpose rooms) to allow for more physical distancing to take place. We encourage all families to continue to send their students to school next week. Over the course of next week, we will continue to evaluate if and when remote learning for K–8 will be made available to Faith Academy students. Plans are underway with respect to grades 9–12, and details will be communicated as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you are doing to support Christ-centered education at Faith Academy during this pandemic season. Please pray for us as we continue to do our best to give students excellent educational opportunities during a school year that looks unlike any other.

Thank you,

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