

June 3, 2021

Good Afternoon,

Manitoba Education and Manitoba Public Health have announced that schools in Winnipeg will remain in remote learning until the end of the school year. Beginning June 14th, students will have the opportunity to return to school in small groups. More information regarding this limited return to school will be sent to families from each campus office. This is not the end of the school year that we wanted, but we will do our best to help our students end the school year off well. Thank you again for all your support throughout this school year – we are hoping and praying for a school year that looks closer to normal in 2021/22.

Thank you,

James Harnett
Superintendent
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May 27, 2021

Good Afternoon,

Manitoba Public Health has announced that schools in Winnipeg will remain in remote learning until June 7, 2021 at the earliest. We recognize that this will continue to represent significant challenges for many families, and we thank you very much for your ongoing commitment to support Faith Academy and your child(ren) through this difficult time. We will continue to provide updates to you as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your campus office.

Thank you,

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May 12, 2021

Good Afternoon,

Today marks our first day of the remote learning period mandated by Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education for all schools in Winnipeg and Brandon. This period is expected to last until May 30, 2021. Information regarding the details of the remote learning period has been distributed to families from each campus office. If you have any questions, please feel free contact us.

Thank you,

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February 12, 2021

Good Morning,

Faith Academy gave K – 8 students the opportunity to learn remotely as of November 24th, 2020. At the time, case numbers and test positivity were on the rise, and we felt that it was important to offer families the opportunity to have their child(ren) learn remotely if that was the approach with which they felt most comfortable. However, we recognized that remote learning would be challenging for the students that engaged in it and their teachers who would be required to be attentive to both in-class students and remote learners. We have always believed that school is the best place for students to learn, but we wanted to respect the desire of Faith Academy families to keep their children safe in an uncertain time.

Today, we are in a much different place. Daily case numbers in Manitoba are much lower than they were in November, and the test positivity rate is also down. We have had very few cases of COVID-19 at Faith Academy and we have had no confirmed incidents of transmission between Faith Academy students. Our concerns related to offering remote learning have been realized – some students have fallen behind and our teachers have found offering remote and in-class learning very challenging. It has always been our intention to have all K – 8 students back in school as soon as possible, and we now feel confident that we can safely do so while following the many guidelines that Public Health and Manitoba Education have put in place.

As a result, **we are asking that all Faith Academy students in K – 8 return to in-class learning as of March 1, 2021.** This may be too soon for some families and not soon enough for others, but it is a manageable timeline for us, and we feel strongly that this is the direction we should move in for the sake of our students and teachers. We will continue to do our very best to keep our students safe while they learn and grow together. Please pray that God would continue to bless and protect Faith Academy as we seek to glorify Him in all that we do.

Sincerely,

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November 17, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Faith Academy has decided to begin offering remote learning to families that would like to have their students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 continue learning from home. As you consider remote learning, please keep the following in mind:

1. If remote learning is selected, students will need to be at home for the duration of the remote learning period - students will not be allowed to be at home one day and at school the next.
2. Remote learning students will need to connect with their teacher/class at different points throughout the school day via Zoom or Google Meet.
3. Remote learning students will have work that needs to be completed on their own with the support of a caregiver.
4. Once the period of remote learning has ended, remote learning students will be expected to resume attending school in-person - the remote learning period will be available for as long as Winnipeg is under critical red level restrictions.

The option of remote learning for K-8 students at Faith Academy will begin on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. In preparation, we will have a non-instructional day on Monday, November 23, 2020 - no students will report to school on this day (K-12). We will have a second non-instructional day on December 4, 2020 to allow us to review the remote learning process and make any necessary adjustments.

Please contact the school office to communicate if your student(s) will be continuing with in-class learning or transitioning to remote learning. We ask that you please provide us with that information by the end of the day on Thursday, November 19.

Offering remote learning will be a significant challenge for us. Please be patient with us as we do our best to make another big change to the way that we do school at Faith Academy. Please pray that the transition to remote learning would be smooth for all. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you,

James Harnett
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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,

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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,

James Harnett
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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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