

October 15, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is an opportune time for the review of our cold and inclement weather protocols with our school community. The weather forecast from Environment Canada for significant wind and snowfall through out Friday. As a practice, our schools remain open during inclement weather; however, we also recognize that weather conditions may result in early dismissals and/or adjustments in regular bus schedules. However, in extreme weather conditions, the final decision to send a child to school or to the bus rests with the parent(s) or guardian(s) even though buses and schools may be operating.

As this is the first instance where we are encountering winter weather for the 2020-21 school year, we want to remind parents of the following protocols at Albert Lacombe School:

1. Students may enter the school upon arrival through the main entrance when the temperature is below -20 (with windchill). The school opens at 8:10 AM when staff are scheduled to be at the school. Parents who have their children with the SIGIS child care can bring their child/ren in at the regular time.
2. Parents/guardians shall ensure that their children who are passengers on a school bus or who are walking to school are properly dressed in accordance with prevailing or potential weather conditions. For all students accessing transportation services, parents/guardians will be advised of the status of transportation operations on our school website and district App. Our school website is updated immediately upon changing conditions as well as the posting of any alerts.
3. For students riding the bus, it is very important that parents make advanced and adequate provisions for their child(ren) in the event mechanical difficulties arise on the bus that may:
 - a. Force suspension of regular bus service.
 - b. Cause early dismissal of students.
 - c. Result in a bus being more than ten (10) minutes late for a scheduled stop (pick up or drop off).
4. For students walking to and from school, have a 'go to' person (e.g. a trusted neighbour) or location in the event they are not able to enter their house (e.g. lost key, frozen lock, parent/guardian not home, etc).

While at school, all outdoor activities (recess and PE classes) will cease when the temperature drops below -20 with the wind chill. During recess breaks, alternate activities are available for students in their classroom with regular supervision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 780-459-4478.

Yours in education,

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Principal



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