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Richmond Education Centre/Academy Students and Families:

As you know, we have moved to *At Home Learning*. Teachers will start teaching on Friday, April 30 and will follow the regular school schedule. Students will also follow their regular schedule, but younger students will get more breaks through the day.

I realize this is a difficult time for families. As a mother, I am also juggling work and home schooling. For the last year, teachers have been preparing themselves and the students for this move to *At Home Learning*. All students have devices and know how to use them. Google Classrooms have been set up and are old hat to the students and teachers. As challenging as last year was, we are very confident that this year will be a different experience and will require less of parents and caregivers.

It is important to note, however, that one KEY difference this year is that doing work during this time is NOT AT ALL optional. **All work assigned to students is marked and will be part of their final mark at the end of the year.** Students have been made aware of this through the school year, and it will be reiterated in their Google Classrooms. Attendance is also being tracked through this time period.

There are schedules for each class/grade posted below the calendar on the homepage of our website (reca.srce.ca). We have also posted the Day A to D schedule so students and families can know what day of the cycle lands on any given day of the week. Tomorrow is Day D.

You'll find below a sheet that lists the most important issues with *At Home Learning*. We appreciate that internet is an ongoing concern in Richmond County, and we've made arrangements for that.

Please email me at lois.landry@srce.ca if you have any questions, or you can reach out to your child's teacher(s). You can also call the school and leave a message, and someone will return your call as soon as possible. The school number is (902) 345-4949.

Take care, stay safe, and wash your hands!

Sincerely,

Lois Landry, Principal

What you need to know about At Home Learning

All students in all grades are expected to participate in *At Home Learning* which begins Friday, April 30.

At Home Learning will continue to May 12, with an update from the province on or before that date.

Teachers will be teaching through the entire school day, following their regular schedule.

Students will learn from home during the school day, but with different expectations by grade level.

All work assigned by teachers will be evaluated, and marks for that work will be part of the student's final grades. Assignments that are not done will be assigned a grade of zero.

Students with internet issues should contact the school at (902) 345-4949, and someone will get in touch with you regarding a solution. All students are expected to participate in *At Home Learning*, regardless of access to internet (see below).

All students have been provided with devices. Contact the school or any one of your teachers if you have problems with your school device.

Some of that work assigned to students will be “synchronous” where everyone learns together. This could be done via a Google Hangout, and any students with internet issues can “call in” to hear the teacher on the phone as needed.

The rest of the work will be “asynchronous” where students work independently or in small groups. Students who have internet issues will have memory sticks and/or paper-and-pencil work provided so they can work independently off-line.

Students in Grades 4 to 6 will be expected to do three hours of schoolwork through the day, following the schedule set by the teacher. Roughly half of this will be group work and the other half working independently or in small groups.

Students in Grades 7 to 9 will work for roughly four hours per day, again, following a schedule set by the teachers. The work is also 50/50 group work and individual or small group.

Students in Grades 10 to 12 will follow their regular schedule, with one exception. When they have the “double” period before and after lunch, they won't log on for the period after lunch. This will give students and teachers a chance to schedule “extra help” sessions for students who need it.

Coop placements are on hold until after May 12. Coop teachers will give students opportunities to bank hours of career exploration online towards earning those credits. We did this last year as well.

All the schedules for **At Home Learning** are posted on the school's website reca.srce.ca, below the school calendar. They will also be on teachers Google Classroom as well. It's important to note that we are following the regular schedule closely because teachers have to follow the timetable for one grade to be available to teach students in other grades. We have also posted the *Day A to D Schedule* so everyone will know what day it is and what they have each period of that day.

Friday, April 30 is DAY D. Classes start at 8:45 am unless otherwise stated on the class schedules.