



# Lockerby Composite School

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Dear Viking Community:

We hope that everyone in our community is doing well during these unusual times, as all families continue to face many challenges.

As you are aware, all schools in Ontario will be remaining closed until Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and possibly longer, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. As we move forward, and distance learning becomes our current 'norm,' we continue to do our best to answer any challenges related to the implementation of the provincial and local distance learning framework. Lockerby Composite School has been implementing creative means, with all of its staff members, to make at-home learning a positive experience. An overarching goal in supporting our Vikings students has been to provide opportunities for them to demonstrate overall expectations in their Semester 2 classes and to achieve credits, while creating a supportive learning environment and building a sense of belonging for each of our students.

The Rainbow District School Board Distance Learning Plan continues to be a fluid document. At this time, please know that within the Google Platform at Lockerby Composite School (and otherwise):

- staff continue to be available to connect with students during their period of instruction (and otherwise) as part of their timetables;
- attendance for classes (in both our synchronous and asynchronous environments) is taken every day, and it is important for students to communicate proactively with their teacher(s) if they require additional support;
- each Viking student is expected to complete/participate in their online learning for (at a minimum) three hours (work assigned) per course per week;
- it is both the Ministry of Education and Rainbow District School Board's expectations that students complete assigned work (with integrity and academic honesty) and do their best to meet timelines, commitments, and due dates;
- final report cards will be issued to students at the end of the semester as per Ministry of Education directives, and marks will be based on work done until March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and after April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- each Viking student should be continuing to monitor communications with their teacher(s) and be checking for daily school and class announcements and feedback;
- our staff is continuing to monitor and reach out to students who have accessibility issues with respect to technology and internet services;
- video recorded instructions regarding distance learning have been provided to our Viking students with respect to expectations within the virtual learning environment;
- our goal is to continue to help support every learner as best we can.

Rainbow District School Board continues to encourage all parents/guardians to visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) often, as learning resources are being updated. Therein, Rainbow District School Board also has posted links to information on mental health and COVID-19. As always, the health and safety of students and staff is our first and foremost priority. Thank you for your patience as we continue this new journey together.

Sincerely,  
**LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL**

Per:

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