

## Coronavirus Update #4 - March 23, 2020

Dear LCA Parents/Guardians,

March Break is officially over, and we are all trying to process what is happening next. The landscape of our city, our country and the world has changed dramatically over the past several weeks and there seems to be adjustments happening daily in how we navigate life. The one constant is our God, who is sovereign, loving and faithful.

The health and safety of our staff, students and families is of highest priority. It is our hope and prayer that you and your families are doing well and that you are doing your part to cooperate with the expectations laid out by our government and health professionals as we strive to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The board of LCA along with administration has been monitoring the recommendations and/or mandates of experts and authorities in the process of making decisions for our school. In light of the announcement today from the provincial government we want to inform our school community that the physical building of LCA will remain closed until further notice.

As you are aware, teachers will be carrying on with work from home and they have already sent communications to parents and students with respect to schoolwork for students. Currently, we plan to do this at the beginning of each week and then teachers will be available to respond to communication from students and parents. We understand that there is a learning curve involved for students, parents and teachers. We will appreciate receiving feedback about what is going well and what you have concerns about. The staff will be connecting together towards the end of the week in an effort to collaborate and improve the process of remote learning for students.

Books and resources that will be helpful for continued learning were sent home prior to the March Break and we have been connecting with several families already today about picking up materials that are needed. Please contact the office ([office@londonchristianacademy.ca](mailto:office@londonchristianacademy.ca)) if your child is still looking to pick up suggested materials and we will do our best to arrange a time when they can pick that up from the school.

The following are some other details for students and families to be aware of:

- All extracurricular activities are on hold indefinitely. As time passes, some of these activities will be officially cancelled and we realize that this will be a great disappointment to those who were involved. We will keep you updated.
- Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have access to a computer or to the internet for your child, and we will do our best to work towards a solution.
- Students will benefit from maintaining a regular routine and it is recommended that students work on schoolwork or other learning activities for 1 - 2 hours each morning and 1 - 2 hours in the afternoon depending on workload and grade level. Your child's teacher will offer more specific suggestions for their students.

We will continue to provide updates as things develop and/or circumstances change. Again, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions with respect to your child's learning from home.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for students and families. We desire to partner with you in this journey and support your children in their continued learning. Thank you for partnering with us through this challenging time as well. Let us continue to pray for one another and look to the Lord for wisdom, grace and strength. Let us also consider the words of Joshua when he was facing a crisis of his own:

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)*