Dear Journey Families,

Thank you for making an important choice for your child’s learning – we know it was not easy. We want to provide you with a bit of information and timeline about Remote Learning in SD62.

As Remote Learning is a new way of learning in our school and district, we are still assessing how many families will be taking advantage of this option. We do know that Remote Learning for your child(ren) will not begin at the same time as it will for students attending in-class. The district is busy hiring teachers to fill the Remote Learning positions. From there, the teacher will connect with families and plan for instruction. All of this will take some time.

**Schedule and Subjects**

Schedules and content will look different for students in Remote Learning. Teachers will focus largely on Language Arts and Math. Depending on the number of students assigned to a teacher and the depth of content, the teacher may be able to expand into other subjects and areas of instruction at a later date. While there will be some direct instruction from the Remote Learning teacher, it is important for parents/guardians to understand that they will need to provide support for their child(ren) outside of direct instruction time.

**At this point, Remote Learning for families is set to begin on September 21 at the earliest*.***

You may be thinking that your child should start school now and that if they begin later, they will fall behind. Not to worry, teachers will work to catch them up.

Please enjoy a few more days of summer break and continue to watch for important communication from us involving Remote Learning for your child.

**Transitioning Back to the Classroom**

Once you feel your child is ready to go back into the classroom, you are welcome to contact me by email [lszadkowski@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:lszadkowski@sd62.bc.ca) or phone at 250-642-5881. Children can re-join their class in school at the following times:

* Anytime in September
* Thursday, November 12 (after Remembrance Day)
* Monday, January 4 (after Winter Break)
* Monday, March 29 (after Spring Break)

If you did not select the Remote Learning option for your child, please contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Laurie Szadkowski

Principal, Journey Middle School