

# Lloydminster Catholic School Division

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Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on September 8th, 2020 and for those who are riding busses to picking you up at your stop on the first day of school.

We know that more parents will be driving their children to school to begin this fall and appreciate your support as this does allow for more space on our busses. For those who will be joining us on the bus, we believe that the steps advised by the Province are going to support the health of everyone.

LCSD will have regular bus routes this fall. They will be sanitized after every bus route and between bus runs in the morning and afternoon. Sanitization means disinfection of the bus with high touch surfaces receiving special attention. In addition, everyone who rides a bus will be wearing a mask including our drivers. Drivers will have clear face shields available to them. Masks are important because we cannot physically distance on a bus. Once a bus is in motion, a driver may remove their mask or face shield, if it causes any impairment to their vision.

We ask that you **talk to your child about maintaining good physical distancing at their bus stop.** We also know that many students love to come on the bus and give a high five to their driver. We will coach our students to board our busses one at a time with distancing between them. We will also do air high fives or other ways to greet while minimizing physical contact. We are asking that your child not eat on the bus or share toys, electronics or books.

On the bus, students will sit in family groups or in groups that are established as close contact by our Transportation Coordinator. This is to support cohorts and is an additional measure on top of masks. We ask that you **talk to your child about sitting as a family and how older children need to be a positive example to younger children in their language and topics of appropriate conversation.** Students will have assigned seating with family groups or their cohort partner. In order to assist us in ensuring that we have these seating plans in place for your child before September 8th, we ask that you ensure you have registered for bussing by **September 1st, 2020.** **To register Contact Charmaine Stephens at [cstephens@lcsd.ca](mailto:cstephens@lcsd.ca) or complete your online registration today.** **If you are registered please create your bus planner account on the LCSD Website so we can communicate updates to you.**

To begin the year, we ask that we have no unregistered guest riders for events like playdates, birthday parties or temporary arrangements. Emergent requests need to be cleared in advance by our Transportation Coordinator at 780 808 8585.

Thank you,

  
Nigel McCarthy  
Director of Education

