

# **KELSEY SCHOOL DIVISION**



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Kelsey School Division is following the directive of the Province and Manitoba Education to suspend classes for the week before Spring Break (March 23-27) and the week after Spring Break (April 6-10). The health, safety and well-being of our staff and students is at the center of all Kelsey School Division decisions.

The decision was made as schools are safe places but to flatten the curve and ensure social distancing this suspension is necessary. This week, March 16-20, will give parents time to make arrangements for your children.

Some specifics:

1. There will be no noon hour or after school activities this week. Community Users will be suspended until schools re-open. All schools will operate on an 8:30 am-4:00 pm schedule, with no one admitted outside these hours.
2. Water fountains are closed, so parents will need to send water bottles that can be re-filled at the water dispensers.
3. Social distancing and thorough hand washing will be practiced in all the schools. The social distancing will be a challenge, so please help your students understand what it is.
4. All information about COVID-19 and education updates will be on the Kelsey School Division Website and as new information becomes available it will be posted there. There is a great deal of misinformation being shared, please go to Manitoba Health for accurate information.

**<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health>**

5. All staff will be in the schools working and developing lessons for students. We encourage parents to access these if possible.
6. Extra cleaning is happening in all schools and on school buses.
7. There will be no field trips or sports trips until further notice.

If you choose to leave the country, even though the government has advised against this, you will need to follow the directions of border officials to self-isolate for 14 days if and when you return to Canada.

Remember the number one goal is to keep people from becoming ill and overloading the health care system.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the administrator of your child's school.