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Hello Loch Lomond School Families! I trust this message finds you and your families safe and healthy at home. We strongly encourage you to stay at home, practice social distancing and frequent handwashing. As a school staff we are certainly missing our entire school family, and the normalcy of school life. If you have not already done so, I would ask you to communicate any updated contact information to your child's teacher as soon as possible. It is important that we keep our school contact information updated to the greatest degree of accuracy possible -- this is especially important given the emphasis on being able to connect electronically in our new virtual reality. If you are unable to provide electronic resources at home for learning please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher now so that we may work to accommodate your child and family.

On April 2, 2020, the NB Department of Education and Early Childhood Development provided a Continuity of Learning Plan including general home learning options outlined for each grade level. In consultation with a teacher from Loch Lomond School, our school families will be encouraged to have students participate in home based learning options as well as daily activities to promote physical and mental health. On a weekly basis, your child's assigned teacher will check-in with your family to maintain a social connection with the school as well as support you with selecting home learning options appropriate for your child and family. As your family continues to adapt to changes at home and the impacts of COVID-19, our goal is to support you in maintaining a personalized approach to home learning that suits your family and child.

Parents and students can expect the following to occur in the days and weeks to come:

- Maintain a primary focus on play, physical activity and skill development to promote physical and mental health.
- Flexibility, collaboration and innovation as we all learn new ways to support home learning.
- Contact from an assigned teacher to discuss potential learning options in your home.
- Weekly check-in from an assigned teacher to maintain social connections and support you in selecting and participating in home learning options.

Families are encouraged by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to use the <u>recommended guidelines</u> for selecting and participating in home learning options.

Given families are adapting to changes at home due to the current state of emergency, it is understood that some families will not be able to consistently follow these suggested guidelines. You are encouraged to utilize the resources provided by your child's teacher, while continuing to consult with

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your child's teacher to discuss possible personalized learning options in your home that suit your family dynamics and child's development.

In closing, I wish you a Happy Easter Holiday where we continue to work together as a school community to support each other, flatten the curve and look forward to brighter days ahead! It is also happy to learn, as many of you know by now, the Easter Bunny has been determined to be an essential service.

Yours in Education,

Greg Norton Principal