

March 16, 2020

Dear parents,

You received an email from Principal Zarowny on Sunday evening following our receipt of an email from the Minister of Education cancelling classes indefinitely and directing students to stay at home due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We realize that this decision is disruptive for parents, however the goal is to limit the transmission of the virus, and as the Minister of Education noted in her email, it was going to be very challenging for schools to fully implement Alberta Health recommendations such as social distance and proper cleaning protocols. This decision is made in the best interests of working to ensure you and your children remain healthy.

Mr. Zarowny is and has been working with teachers to provide some elements of an educational program so that your children are able to maintain some of their studies. Please note that the educational program will not be as robust as students receive in our face to face educational program. Over the next few days you will be receiving an email from him regarding the process that will be implemented to support your child(ren)'s education at New Horizons School. Until you hear from us regarding delivery of an education program, we encourage you to set up regular study times for your child(ren) to read and and or work on an interesting project or something similar.

Continued communication between school and home is essential. As we will continue to receive updates from Alberta Health about Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) protocols, Mr. Zarowny and I will continue to send periodic emails to you as updates. Please check your email regularly for these updates, as well as information about how we will provide some educational programming for your children. As always, you can also email the school or me if you have questions.

With the protocols in place and not having large congregations of students, it is my hope that we will get ahead of this virus.

Sincerely,  
Dean Lindquist