

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this e-mail finds you and your family safe and well. We really miss seeing our students!

Our teaching team met virtually today and we are now preparing **learning opportunities** for our students.

Microsoft “Teams”:

- Teachers are planning to make themselves available to have a weekly “open classroom” timeslot via the Teams App so that we can live-connect with students in a group setting
- Microsoft Teams is set up specifically for student use
- Questions and answers posted on Teams are seen by all FYI
- Students should receive a link in their student e-mail (if they have not already) to join the teams for their individual subjects
- Students can also email teachers directly

Academic expectations:

Students in grades 6-8 are being encouraged to participate in a total of **2 hours of schoolwork per day plus** reading (30 mins.) and physical activity (30 mins.)

- The province's Learning at Home website:
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/learning_at_home.html
- BCMS’s website:
<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/BlissCarman/Pages/default.aspx>

Further roles and expectations:

- Our role as teachers is to facilitate and to guide learning opportunities
- Our team will continue sending you a **weekly update** with learning opportunities offered
- Your role as parents is to **encourage your child to explore the learning opportunities** provided
- Students are encouraged to send in any of their work via Teams and teachers will provide **feedback**
- Homeroom teachers will communicate with their classes in the coming days about having a specific time to drop into Microsoft Teams for a virtual video chat with their homeroom. Stay tuned!

Our mantra over the next little while is ***“flexibility, compassion, patience.”*** Continue to follow the call of our national and provincial leaders to **stay home as much as possible, maintain physical distancing when you do need to go out, and to wash your hands frequently. WE MISS YOU!** Your Grade 7FI

Teaching Team 😊