

January 12, 2022

Dear families,

We are writing to inform you that Elijah Smith Elementary School will temporarily move to remote learning starting January 13, 2022 for all students. At this time, we have planned for remote learning to last through Friday, January 14. At this point, we hope that student will return to in person learning on Tuesday, January 18 (as Monday, January 17 is a city-wide Professional Development Day). Teachers will begin reaching out to parents and students directly tomorrow to begin the process of remote learning.

We are making this change for operational reasons due to staffing challenges currently faced by the school. This change is not the result of any public health concerns. The school remains safe and the acting Chief Medical Officer of Health has not recommended any changes to the direction to continue with in-person instruction in Yukon's schools.

We understand that this may be a challenge for some of you. We want to assure you that we are working together to keep students engaged in learning. Educators will play a critical role in supporting students while they are learning remotely.

If you are an essential service worker or have concerns about the additional supports your child with disabilities or diverse learning needs requires, please contact the school administration (jeff.cressman@yukon.ca) to discuss options for how the school may support your family.

As we move forward together, we are committed to ensuring you receive timely information on a regular basis.

Hopefully, this is a temporary situation that will soon resolve. We appreciate the administration and staff of Elijah Smith Elementary School's efforts to support students during this period of remote learning.

Sincerely,

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