

March 26, 2020

Dear King David Parents,

We are about to complete our first week of online learning and based on parent, student and teacher feedback, things have gone quite well. This initial success is a result of the hard work and care of our teachers and their willingness to adapt and embrace the risk that comes with trying something new. We can also praise our students in much the same way. They have been very open to this new “classroom” experience and their positive contributions are greatly appreciated.

Over the next week, and after Passover, our online program will continue to evolve. We will gradually phase in various elements like assessments, projects, student clubs, chesed opportunities, and perhaps other online learning tools. We’re also exploring how we can come together as a school for our usual ceremonies and celebrations later in April. We will continuously evaluate and adjust what we're doing to best meet the needs of our students and school community. We ask for your continued patience and to work with us as we adapt to our approach to make the best of a challenging situation.

As a first step, we are asking students, parents and teachers to complete a very brief online survey as an initial check-in to get feedback on our first week of online learning. This survey will be sent directly to you and we ask that you please take the time to complete it over the weekend.

Looking down the road, there is no clear answer to when or if in-school classes will resume. The school administration is in regular contact or receiving information from the Ministry of Education, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the Ministry of Health. We are also in regular meetings with ISABC and sharing information and resources with other independent schools in Vancouver.

The best information we can share at this time is to remind you to adhere to all instructions we’ve been hearing from BC’s Chief Medical Officer:

- stay home
- go out only when necessary
- practice physical distancing (at least 2 meters), and
- have care and concern for others

Your children, in any grade, may be experiencing worry and uncertainty during this time. All students are encouraged to reach out to our counsellors. To assist with conversations you may be having at home, here are a few online resources:

- [Coping During Covid-19](#) - ChildMind
- [Talking with Your Children About Covid-19](#) - Psychiatrist, UBC Associate Professor and bestselling author Dr. Shimi Kang
- [What to Say to Your Child About the Coronavirus - and How to Cope as a Parent](#) - Aha! Parenting blog
- [Mental Health and the COVID Pandemic](#) - Canadian Association of Mental Health
- [What to do if you're anxious or worried about coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - Anxiety Canada
- [Talking to children about COVID-19](#) - Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre at BC Children's Hospital

As always, for the latest information on COVID-19, please use:

- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [BC COVID19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [HealthLinkBC](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)

Our continued best wishes to all our families, please be safe and well.

Best Regards,
Alex