

REGINA HUDA SCHOOL 40 SHEPPARD STREET REGINA, SASK. S4R 3M6 PHONE: 565-1988 FAX: 565-2187



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Dear Parents,

Regina Huda School's goal has always been to provide safe, effective Islamic education for our students. As we plan to return to in-school learning, we are committed to continuing to provide a safe Islamic learning environment for our staff and students.

Regina Huda School is not able to provide both in-school and at-home learning opportunities for students. If you want your child to learn at-home this fall, you will need to register her with Regina Public Schools or SunWest Distance Learning. **If you register with another school, we will fill your child's space with a student from our waiting list and will not guarantee a space will be available in the future.** If your child will not be returning to Regina Huda School, please email <u>registration@huda.ca</u> by August 25th.

We are following guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Regina Public Schools to help ensure our safe return to school. Please note a few changes we are making:

- All staff and grade 4 through 12 students will wear masks while at school. Preschool through grade 3 students can choose between a mask or face shield.
- We have adapted wudu and prayer procedures to maximize social distancing.
- We will not have elementary morning or afternoon recess or high school advisory. Instead, elementary students will begin at 8:45 and finish at 3:15. High school students will begin at 8:30 and finish at 3:15.
- The school building will be closed to members of the public. Please pay fees by etransfer or by placing an envelope in the black mailbox outside the main entrance between 8:30 and 3:30. If you need to speak to administrative assistants, call (306) 565-1988.
- Our before-school program will be limited to 15 students.
- Both high school and elementary students will remain with their class cohort in the classroom throughout the day.
- Classes will begin on September 8 to provide more time to prepare our school for a safe return. We will stagger students' return to help teach procedures and routines. Students whose last names begin with A-K will attend school September 8 and 10. Students whose last names begin with L-Z will attend school September 9 and 11. If your family has children with different last names, please follow the last name of your oldest child attending Huda. All students will return to school every day beginning September 14th.

- Each room will be disinfected daily. Each washroom will be disinfected three times per day.
- We will not use our gymnasium or library in September.
- High school students will not go out in public for lunch and will not have access to microwaves.
- Bus service will continue with safety measures in place.

Please help us ensure a safe return to school. You can help us with the following measures.

- Please drop your elementary children at school between 8:30 and 8:45, closer to 8:45 whenever possible. Pick up your children as close to 3:15 as possible.
- Please stay in your car when you drop off and pick up your children.
- Please send your children to school with everything they need for the day so that you do not need to come to the school. Send lunch, a filled water bottle, and anything else they will need.
- We will turn off water fountains and use water bottle fill stations. Please send your child to school each morning with a filled water bottle.
- Practice wudu at home so that it runs smoothly at school. Preschool and Kindergarten students do not make wudu at school.
- Ensure your child is able to open her own lunch box, Thermos, and drink containers. Practice over the next few weeks so that teachers do not touch many students' lunches.
- Ensure your child is able to un-button and button her own shirt sleeves to thoroughly wash hands and make wudu.

We will continue to provide information as it is finalized.

Thank you for your help to ensure a safe return to school. We look forward to working with your children again this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nistor, Mrs. Spock and the Regina Huda School Board