



## Student Absenteeism - Learning Parameters

### **My child received a dismissal letter from York Region Public Health, how will they learn while isolating and/or staying home?**

The York Catholic District School Board is committed to working with York Region Public Health and following its direction in regards to student and staff dismissals. Students and staff may be dismissed because they were identified as close contacts of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or sometimes because a household member was dismissed. Together with the school, the Board will ensure that dismissed students can continue to learn while self-isolating / staying at home. Please review the below scenarios to understand how your child can continue to learn at home.

### **Elementary Students**

#### ***Scenario 1 - My child's entire elementary class was dismissed***

If your child was dismissed because their entire class was dismissed, your child's class will pivot to live online remote learning starting the first school day following their dismissal. Online remote learning will continue until the end of the isolation period.

#### ***Scenario 2 - My elementary child's bus route was dismissed***

If your child was dismissed because their bus route was dismissed your child can access asynchronous (self-directed) learning starting on the **first school day** following their dismissal. Work will be posted in the teacher's virtual classroom. On the **second school day** of the dismissal, your child can access hybrid online learning with their class until the end of their isolation period.

#### ***Scenario 3 - My unvaccinated elementary child must stay home because their sibling/household member was part of a dismissed cohort.***

Unvaccinated siblings of dismissed unvaccinated students must stay home from school. This rule also applies to unvaccinated siblings of dismissed vaccinated students who have COVID-19 symptoms. In this scenario, your child can access asynchronous (self-directed) learning starting on the **first school day** following the dismissal. Work will be posted in the teacher's virtual classroom. On the **second school day** of the dismissal, your child can access hybrid online learning with their class until the end of their isolation period.

#### ***Scenario 4 - My elementary child was dismissed as a close contact of a case, but the rest of my child's class is NOT dismissed***

If your elementary child was asked to stay home / self-isolate because they were identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, however, the rest of their class is NOT dismissed, your child can access asynchronous (self-directed) learning starting on the **first school day** following their dismissal. Work will be posted in the teacher's virtual classroom. On the **second school day** of the dismissal, your child can access hybrid online learning with their class until the end of their isolation period.



## High School Students

High schools continue to operate under a hybrid learning model. Any dismissed students who attend high school can **pivot to live remote hybrid learning** on the first school day following their dismissal as a direct result of public health requirements. This will be done through their teachers' virtual classrooms.

## Student received a dismissal letter from York Region Public Health but does not need to stay home or self-isolate

In some cases, students who receive a dismissal letter may not need to stay home / self-isolate. As outlined in the York Region Public Health dismissal letter, this is because they are fully vaccinated AND have no symptoms.

### ***Scenario 1 - Student is part of a dismissed classroom cohort that is now being taught remotely***

Elementary or high school students who are part of a dismissed classroom cohort but do not need to stay home / self-isolate (as per the York Region Public Health dismissal letter) because they are fully vaccinated and have no symptoms, may return to their regular classroom(s) in the school.

### ***Scenario 2 - Student received a dismissal letter but is not part of a dismissed classroom cohort***

Elementary or high school students who received a dismissal letter because they are a close contact of a case of COVID-19, but do not need to stay home / self-isolate (as per the York Region Public Health dismissal letter) because they are fully vaccinated and have no symptoms, may return to their regular classroom(s) in the school.

## Please note the following additional parameters:

1. Face-to-face learners, who **choose not to attend school** will be required to access their work via the virtual classroom; they will not have access to a hybrid or "live" classroom. Tests will be written upon their return to school.
2. Students **absent due to a non-COVID related illness** will be required to access student work at the end of the day via the virtual classroom; they will not have access to a hybrid, "live" classroom.
3. Students **absent due to a vacation** (including the extended requirement for quarantine upon return, if applicable), will access student work via the virtual classroom; they will not have access to a hybrid, "live" classroom.
4. Students **absent for reasons related to sports/co-curriculars** will be required to access student work via the virtual classroom; they will not have access to a hybrid "live" classroom.