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C. da Mata
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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One of the greatest priorities of the Winnipeg School Division and AMVC, is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school each and every day.

In September 2019 AMVC started using an automated attendance system called Safe Arrival. This system is being used in over 60 of Winnipeg School Division schools. Safe Arrival is much more efficient and enhances our pre-existing absence check procedure. It has significantly reduced the time it takes office staff to verify student attendance, making it easier for parents to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unaccounted student absences.

Safe Arrival allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

- 1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll-free number (1-855-2784513) through which absences can be reported.**
- 2. Parents can log into the website, wsd.schoolconnects.com to authenticate their Portal account to report absences.**
- 3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can then download an app that can be used to report absences.**

The system will be available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Safe Arrival uses an automated notification system to contact parents who have not reported their child absent. The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers and via email and push notification to your smart phone (if enabled) via means above.

By reporting your child absent *in advance* using SafeArrival, you will NOT receive a notification from the system.

All absence and late arrival reporting must go through the toll- free number. Please do not contact or send notes to the school or classroom teacher to report an absence or late arrival.

In addition to using Safe Arrival, we have also been utilizing Safe Arrivals partner system called School Messenger. It sends notifications in the same way as Safe Arrival, but instead of sending attendance notifications, it sends important messages and information we need parents to be aware of.

Please ensure that your contact phone numbers and email addresses are up to date so you are not missing out on information or attendance concerns for your child(ren).

If you need to update your contact information at any point throughout the school year, please contact the AMVC school office. We can be reached by phone or email.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with using Safe Arrival and for helping us to better ensure the safety of all our students at AMVC.

Sincerely,

Ms. C. da Mata, Principal



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