

SafeArrival Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Rocky View Schools one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each day.

Student absences are reported through a system called **SafeArrival** which is located in your SchoolMessenger app. This system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-244-5565** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Staff will be using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).