




Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we have **a more efficient** student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your student's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your student'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 [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account (will need to be verified via your email). Then select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca). 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 **1-833-525-9071** 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 will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose student 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 student's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will **NOT** receive notification that your student is absent.