



## **Whitecourt Central School**

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At the beginning of the year, teachers sent home a Getting to Know Your Child and Parent form. We asked parents to write down any questions that they had about Central. When we get these questions, we will answer them a couple at a time at our School Council meetings but we will also place them on our website for parents who may not be able to attend the meetings.

**Question #1 – Why are the hallway doors locked?**

Last year we partnered with Occupational Health and Safety to increase the security of the school. The doors leading to the hallways have a fob system. This means that these doors remain locked at all times unless they are scanned by a fob. If parents are dropping off lunch, clothes, supplies etc, they can leave them at the office and we will call the children to the office at break times. When our volunteers come to the school, they will be asked to sign in, take a Volunteer Identification tag and then Mrs. Tarcon will release the door for entry. This new system enables us to know who is in our school at any given time in case a lockdown or fire drill are required.

**Question #2 – Why am I not able to talk to my child's teacher when I want?**

This is a very good question that we have been asked several times. Our teachers are responsible for delivering the curriculum to our students. When they are asked to take phone calls or stop to talk in the middle of a lesson, the students are losing their instructional time with their teacher. When teachers do talk with parents either on the phone or face to face, we want them to give you their full attention. When they are immersed in a class of students they are unable to do that.