

COVID FAQ

Thank you for taking the time to read through Phase One of our Reopening Plan. Below are some FAQs from that plan. This is not the safety guidelines that will be outlined in Phase Two of the plan.

Q: If we choose to do in person learning for the beginning of the school year, do we also have the option to change it to virtual learning?

A: We prefer you to stick with the option chosen. However, we know that circumstances will arise and you may feel safer having your child go virtual. In order to have a structured learning environment for the students and staff, we ask you to make your decision and stick with it.

Q: Will there be a 2.5 toddler program this upcoming year?

A: Yes, there will be a toddler program this year. More info will be provided.

Q: If my child or someone in our family gets sick and needs to quarantine for 2 weeks, can they move to online learning for that period?

A: If a child has to quarantine because they have been exposed to the virus, they will be moved to virtual. They can return to school after the amount of time determined by the health department. They must also receive a negative test result after quarantine.

Q: Are uniforms mandatory?

A: Until further notice, uniforms are not mandatory for virtual and in-person. The reason being that we would like to ensure all clothing is washed after the school day. Proper attire is mandatory. Guidelines on this will be sent out.

Q: Is the plan to have the kids in school full time (8:30-3) after October 2nd?

A: We are planning a full day (8:00 - 3:00) in October. We will continue to utilize staggered arrival and dismissal time after the shift to a full day.

Q: When do parents need to make a decision by?

A: Phase Two (Safety Procedures) will be sent out later this week. After this, a final decision has to be made in the form of a survey by August 13th. The survey will be emailed.

Q: Will you have systems in place to identify and provide mental health services to students in need of support in the new school year?

A: The teachers will focus on getting-to-know each other activities for most of September, so the students will feel comfortable talking about their feelings and bringing up whatever they're going through as that will impact their educational learning as well. They are also taking part in professional development with a focus on the emotional health of the students. If additional resources are needed, we will put you in contact with a certified counselor.

Q: Is there a limit to how many children will be allowed to attend in-person?

A: The classrooms have been emptied and only the needed materials remain. This has provided us with the opportunity to properly space the desks (3ft.). We can fit a full class size (15 - 20).

Q: Will there be aftercare in September and thereafter?

A: There will not be aftercare in September or in the foreseeable future.

Q: What are the specific times for the 4 hours?

A: There will be two groups for entry and dismissal. The first group will be from 8:00 - 12:00. The second group will be from 8:30 - 12:30. You will get the specific time and door at a later time. You have from 8:00 - 8:20 to drop off if you are in group one. Please be on time as this is for the safety of all involved.

Q: Will before care be offered?

A: Before care will not be available. The students cannot mingle with other age groups.

Q: Will we still have to pay full tuition even though they are only coming half days?

A: Four hours constitutes a full day in accordance with State standards. The teachers and staff will be working full hours to make certain every student is cared for and both the In-Person and Virtual classes get everything they need. Full tuition is expected.

Q: What happens with tests? Will all kids, In-person and Virtual, take the tests from home?

A: All tests and quizzes will be taken from home. This ensures that all students are on a level playing field.

Q: How will staggered pickup/drop off work with siblings in 2 separate grades (eg, how far apart will these times be? When will we find out our students' respective times so we can anticipate how this will impact our schedule?)

A: Unfortunately, we must strictly enforce the staggered pickup/dropoff. We cannot give special attention to siblings. You will have the specific times and doors ASAP.

Q: Will 3 year olds need masks as well?

A: Masks are mandatory for all ages.

Q: Will we be informed if teachers/admin/students test positive for COVID?

A: We will be as transparent as we can while ensuring the confidentiality of those involved. You will be informed of a positive COVID test. If it affects your child directly, you will receive specific instructions.

Q: If someone in sibling A's class tests positive, will sibling B also need to quarantine?

A: Again, we would refer to the health department for guidance. For now, only those in the cohort with a positive result would need to quarantine.

Q: What criteria will be used to determine if the school needs to close?

A: We will follow the CDC guidelines and direction from the Governor on school closure:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/considerations-for-school-closure.pdf?fbclid=IwAR04nUvqxW-NPEcw1SJzYI1ZKOblkUAr8TapBG61427dvBO1fqALwlpURTA>

Q: What will the class size be (Grades 1 and K3)?

A: We will know more about class sizes after the final decision has been made by the parents. (August 13th)

Q: Can you describe the structure of remote learning, specifically relating to sync vs async?

A: Remote learning will be synchronous for all grades. It will be a regular school day regardless of the format.

Q: Will any activities such as language be available online?

A: We will reach out to the activity teachers to see if they are interested. Any activities that take place will not begin before October 2nd.

Q: Could there be an opportunity to create a "community" or communication pod for those families in each of the in-person classes?

A: This is a great idea. A community pod can help with drop off/pickup. It can also be used in the event we return to 100% virtual. The students can learn and study in a group. Designating a virtual class parent and in-person class parent can help with the implementation.

Q: Will the children be doing an activity day and will that include Spanish?

A: The students will have their special classes. However, they will be spread out throughout the week and not take place on a specified Activity Day. We will return to Activity Days once we resume normal operations. Spanish is not confirmed at this time for grades K - 4.

Q: What will happen if a teacher becomes ill? Will they have to self quarantine and how will that impact the plan?

A: Anyone who becomes ill will have to self-quarantine. If a teacher tests positive, the class will also have to quarantine for the recommended amount of days. This may impact other staff members that we would notify through contact tracing.

Q: What % of children have opted for distance learning?

A: The final results are not known. The results of the first survey can be seen [here](#).

Q: Are all teachers and assistants returning for the new school year?

A: As of right now, all teachers and assistants are returning.

Q: Will you provide a school calendar?

A: As soon as we have our plans solidified, a calendar will be sent out.

Q: Is there an option to go in 2 days a week and be remote for 3 days as an example.

A: We are not offering a hybrid option. The choices are 100% in-person or 100% virtual.