

Physical campus:

We are working hard to provide safe and healthy spaces for learning, playing, and socializing at school. Using the latest public health guidelines, strategies are being developed in the following areas: keep in mind these guidelines can and will be updated as necessary to meet standards.



Sanitizing and cleaning processes:

We are implementing additional disinfection (with EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19), measures throughout the school day with special attention paid to high touch surfaces. Enhanced nightly sanitation and disinfection protocols have also been instituted. All students will be instructed in proper hand washing techniques. Hand washing will be required at numerous times during the day such as upon arrival, before and after eating, after toileting, sneezing, or coughing, before and after outside break times and as needed. Hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) will be available at building entrances and in every classroom, for safe use by staff and students.

We will provide adequate supplies for individual student use whenever possible and limit the sharing of classroom materials. While we will continue to encourage generosity among our community, we must limit all sharing of personal items. Students' personal items must be kept separate, in individually labeled cubbies.



Campus access for Parents and Visitors:

We have always enjoyed greeting our families each morning into the school for drop off. NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) recommends limiting campus access to students, staff, and essential visitors. For this reason all students will be required to use our carpool service for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. This is important in order to minimize congregating, and ensure that students go straight from a vehicle to their classrooms in the morning and directly from class to the family vehicle after school. We know this is disappointing and hope to be able to open our doors later in the school year.



Health checks:

All staff and students will be required to have daily temperature checks with a non-contact thermometer. A parent or caregiver will be required to sign a daily health screening for each child in attendance every day they attend school. If a student has a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, they should stay home. <C:\Users\mark\Documents\2021-22 Community Health Commitment.odt>

Teachers will monitor students health for any symptoms throughout the school day.

Important: if a student is running a fever, coughing, experiencing shortness of breath, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, or rash they will not be allowed to return to class. We will have designated, isolated places for sick students, and they will remain there with supervision until they are promptly picked up by a parent or guardian.



Cloth face coverings:

All students are to wear a CFC in all public/shared spaces in the school. Our teachers will be required to wear a CFC and/or face shield at all times throughout the school day except during playground time. We are looking into innovated ways to conduct story and circle times as to allow for removal of CFC.



Classroom environment:

It will be difficult to remain six feet apart in the classrooms. Children will be taught or floor markers will be in place to instruct children where or sit/stand/play. In an effort to reduce risk of exposure each class/age group will be self contained and will not interact inside the building with another class. Playground times will be staggered so that play equipment may be sanitized between class use. Group/class specials such as field trips, in-house field trips/visitors, music, Godly Play, yoga and Chapel may be suspended temporarily. All toys will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Any mouthed toy will be removed from play immediately and will not return until the following day after thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. No soft materials will be used in the classrooms such as stuffed animals or dress up clothes. Classroom high-touch surfaces will be cleaned more frequently. All classrooms tables, floors, carpets, counter tops, restrooms and other high-touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized each afternoon.