

## In-Person FAQ Sheet

### John Winthrop School

#### How will the school ensure that my child is safe?

We are so excited to welcome your children back to school! Their physical and emotional well-being is our number one priority. All routines, procedures and safety protocols will be taught and modeled for students to ensure that students feel safe and welcomed at school. Our school has made all necessary changes in order to meet all of the established health and safety guidelines. We implement every necessary measure to protect our students, staff and families as we begin to return to school.

#### Will my child have to wear a mask?

Per STATE Guidelines, ALL students and adults will be required to wear masks at ALL times at school. Students will also be required to wear masks while riding the school bus. Students will be given mask breaks throughout the day (scheduled and as needed). Parents should provide masks for their child and the school will have masks for children as well. Students with medical exemptions must provide the required documentation that our nurse must approve.

#### Will students be screened for temperature upon entering school?

CDC considers it to be more effective for daily individual screening at home. Students or staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must remain at home and notify the school as soon as possible.

#### How will students arrive to school?

Upon arrival, students will sanitize their hands and report directly to homeroom. All students will have different entries to avoid mixing of cohorts. **Lockers will NOT BE USED.** Students will bring personal items into the classroom and store in their personal area that will be sanitized. Drop off times for Middle School is 8:25 and Elementary is 8:40. Please refer to our John Winthrop School Website (<https://www.bridgportedu.net/Winthrop>) for arrival details by grade. Please see Administrator's Open House Presentation.

#### **Please be prepared for delays due to staggered entry – PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Assigned staff will assist with arrival, sanitizing, and mask checks at drop off, bus and Pre-K entrances.

Grab and Go breakfast will be provided each child upon entry to the school that can be eaten in the classroom.

#### Can I bring my child into school the first day?

To ensure the safety of all our students and staff, **No Visitors** will be allowed in the building. There will be information forthcoming for meeting the teacher, either outside to allow for social distancing, virtually or via phone calls.

If your child in PreKindergarten through Grade 2 is tardy, please call the Main Office at 203-275-3001 and someone will meet you at the door to escort your child to their class

#### What will a school day look like for my child?

Students in PreKindergarten through Grade 5 will receive instruction for all subjects in Homeroom. Breakfast will also be held in the students' classrooms. PreKindergarten and Kindergarten will eat lunch in their homerooms. Grades 3 through 8 will eat in smaller lunchwaves in the cafeteria. Recess and mask breaks will be built into student schedules. Middle School Students (Gr 6, 7, and 8) will remain in homeroom for all classes and teachers for core subjects will travel to them. Art, Library, Music and PE teachers will visit the classrooms for all grade levels. Some specialists' classes MAY be held outside (weather permitting). Lunch is provided by the school for ALL students. Students may bring their own lunch but will not be able to share.

We are a NUT FREE school. Please refrain from sending in any nut products. If a child brings such items in, they will be asked to put it away for the safety of others.

#### What do classrooms look like?

Classrooms have been designed to ensure that students feel welcomed and safe. Classrooms can only fit between 14 and 18 students (depending on the room). Appropriate social distancing will be maintained in the classroom setting at all times. Therefore, desks will be distanced from each other and any tables in use will have plastic barriers. All shareable resources have also been removed from the rooms. Students will need to have their own personal supplies that are appropriately labeled with their names. **EVERY SINGLE ITEM should be labeled with the student's name.**

#### When will my child have access to restrooms and water fountain?

No water fountains will be utilized in the building. It is highly recommended to send your child with a water bottle to school each day. Please **DO NOT** send in glass bottles or juices or iced teas – **WATER ONLY!**

Restrooms will have a class schedule and teachers will ensure that students are social distancing and using hand sanitizer up on entrance and exit from the restroom. Student will be allowed to use restrooms in the case of emergency.

#### What happens if my child is not feeling well?

Students not feeling well will have access to the nurse. In addition, students exhibiting signs of COVID-19 will be screened by the school nurse, isolated (within the school), and parent contacted for pick up if deemed necessary. Teachers will receive continuing education on recognizing signs of COVID-19.

#### Will my child have recess?

Students will have at least one recess a day with staff supervision to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times. Recess will be held outside weather permitting. Masks do not need to be worn outside. There will be no shareable objects used (balls, jump ropes, etc.)