

## In-Person Learning FAQ Sheet

Geraldine W. Johnson 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 will 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 be given staggered entry to minimize hallway traffic. **Lockers will NOT BE USED initially.** Students will bring personal items into the classroom and store in their personal area that will be sanitized. Drop off times will remain between 8:25-8:45 at the front entrance only. Bus students will report to the bus ramp. Pre-K parents will drop off at Pre-K door with Teacher and Para.

### **BE PREPARED for delays due to staggered entry – PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Assigned staff will assist with staggering entry, 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 for grades K & 1, either outside to allow for social distancing, or virtually.

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

Students in Pre-K-6 will receive instruction for all subjects in Homeroom. Breakfast and lunch will also be held in the classroom. Recess and mask breaks will be built into their schedule. Middle School students (7/8) will remain in homeroom for all classes until routines and protocols for social distancing and safety have been mastered. Art, Library, Music and PE teachers will visit the classrooms. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will have lunch in the cafeteria and will have specific assigned seats that cannot be changed. Some specialist 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 will be 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 the 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 upon 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 fountains?

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!** Students will be allowed to use restroom with a sign-out sheet. There are hand sanitizers outside each bathroom, students will be asked to sanitize before and after they use the bathroom.

### 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 pickup 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.) Playground use to be determined.

### What will dismissal look like

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*Dismissal plans are being discussed and more information will follow. Some grades will have staggered dismissal times to ensure social distance and safety. Some dismissals will begin as early as 2:45 P.M. Please refer to the Welcome Back letters from your child's teacher for specific information.*

*Parents should not call after 1:45pm to change dismissal method as it will cause additional chaos and confusion when we are focusing on ensuring safe and socially distanced transitions.*

### **Will students be sharing materials?**

*Sharing of materials will not occur unless absolutely necessary. Materials that are shared will be sanitized between each use.*

### **How will the school keep our school clean?**

*Custodial staff will ensure that all high-touch areas are cleaned frequently throughout the school day (handrails, door handles, counters, etc.) Each classroom will have ample wipes and sanitizer to ensure that everyone has access to antibacterial supplies at any time.*

### **How can I change my student from in-person learning to remote?**

*Please contact your child's teacher and/or the main office to make the change. The change takes 24 hours to go into effect. A device will be given when the change is made.*