

FAQ for 2021-22

The following questions were in the surveys. The answers were written by Rea and the teachers. Please note that the Delta variant of COVID may result in further changes.

What are the plans for distancing at lunch?

We have purchased more tables. We will also have two lunch periods to space students 6 feet apart when eating.

Are there times when masks don't have to be worn?

Masks will be worn at all times except when eating, drinking and taking a mask break.

Will there be mask breaks?

Yes when requested by a student.

What are the plans for eating when it's raining outside?

We will break students into small enough groups to eat outside 6 feet apart, not in the classroom.

How will pick up and drop off work?

Pick-up and drop off for all students will happen at Depot, the loading zone or at the bike rack gate. Parents will wait in cars or in the driveway. Students will be socially distanced while waiting for pick-up. We are not requiring the symptom checker this year and will not have to check them off a list, which will save time. Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms and notify the office.

Is social distancing required of children (in classroom)?

We will distance children 3ft indoors whenever possible, as recommended by current CDC guidelines.

Is social distancing required of children (outside)?

While outside and masked, students will not be required to be socially distance unless they are eating, drinking or taking a mask break.

What sort of ventilation will there be indoors?

The classrooms are well ventilated. Last Fall we added room circulating fans and virus/bacterial filters. We will keep windows and doors open.

What sort of sanitation of surfaces will happen?

The custodian is trained to clean to Covid standards. Teachers will disinfect high contact surfaces during the day.

Are all teachers, aides etc...vaccinated?

All current staff and all future hires will be required to show proof of vaccination or submit to weekly testing.

How will field trips be handled? Will children drive in cars together?

We are considering the situation and the feasibility of field trips.

Are in class volunteers allowed? How will classroom volunteers work?

We will require proof of vaccination and masking for all classroom volunteers. More information about classroom volunteers will come from your classroom teachers.

Can my child switch from on site to independent study?

The classroom curriculum and the Independent Study curriculum do not align. While a transition from one to the other may be possible in certain circumstances, it will need to be considered on a case by case basis.

Do we have an infection cut-off or contingency plan for community/school/classroom outbreaks?

Our current policy is to quarantine the persons in a class that were exposed to a COVID case as directed by public health. We are in the process of updating our plans to match current CDPH guidance. To see the most recent CDPH schools health guidance click this [link](#).

Will vaccinations be required of students once they are eligible?

When a vaccine for children under 12 is available, it will be strongly encouraged but not required unless mandated by the state.

If a family member tests positive what are isolation rules for staff/children?

Staff and students will follow Public Health directions.

If a child has to quarantine, how will they keep up with school?

The child will be provided with a short- term independent study packet, similar to past travel packets.

What is the threshold for return to remote learning?

The future of Covid is unknown but staff are committed to keeping students on campus. Current attendance law does not permit schools to return to the model that was used last year.

What school events may occur?

It is unknown which school events we can organize at this time.

Will camping happen?

The beginning of the year camping trips will not happen. It is unknown if we will have end of the year camping at this time.

Will all students be able to attend after school?

We prefer after school to be reserved for working families who need it. It is not intended for play dates.

Will after school operate as usual?

We hope to offer an after-school program. We are looking to hire staff but do not currently have anyone. We plan to maintain similar hours to our previous after school program. We will not offer a before-school program.

Are lunches free for everyone this year?

Yes it is free for everyone under the new federal funding. This is exciting news. Look for the menu in a future email.

Are we providing snack and is it free for everyone?

We will be ordering a breakfast snack from the district. It will contain a muffin, cereal or a cereal bar, milk, fruit and fruit juice. Summer program students really liked what they got. It will be served at “snack time.” Yes it is free for everyone under the new federal funding.