

# **Reopening Parent Handbook Addendum 2020-2021**

**Most of the information found in the 2020-2021 Parent Handbook applies, but due to the unique nature of the school year and its reopening, there are some nuances and changes for parents to be aware of as well. Please refer to both the Parent Handbook and this Addendum to help you understand the procedures this year.**



**VISITORS:**

- As per our reopening plan, visitors may enter the building on a limited basis while wearing a face covering. All visitors must be buzzed in through the main entrance doors and proceed directly to the Main Office. We strongly recommend calling the office prior to your visit to ensure entrance to the building is feasible.

**DAILY SCHEDULE:**

Grade	Students Report	Homeroom	Dismissal
Preschool	8:30 AM	N/A	11:15 AM
K - 8	7:48 AM	7:50 - 7:52 AM	(see below)
Even numbered classrooms			12:08 PM
Odd numbered classrooms			12:10 PM
Buses depart			12:15 PM

Children may not be dropped off at school before 7:37 AM. Students must be picked up by 12:15 PM if not taking the bus home.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:**

- The October 2020 Parent/Teacher conferences will be held virtually. Information will be forthcoming for the Spring Parent/Teacher conferences.

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERING:**

- Until further notice, our traditional lunch program will not be available, therefore we will not need lunch volunteers at this time.

#### STUDENT ASSESSMENT:

- There has been no announcement concerning testing dates for this school year as of yet.

#### EXTRA HELP:

- Teachers may conduct extra help sessions in-person or virtually. Please refer to the parent handbook for this procedure.

#### FLEX-TIME:

- With our half day schedule, we do not have a designated FLEx Time Period. However, during Reinforcement, we will be focusing on self-awareness, mindfulness and cooperative learning activities that help our students grow socially and emotionally.

#### BIRTHDAY/HOLIDAY TREATS:

- As an added precaution, birthday treats and goody bags will not be permitted during the 2020-2021 school year. Please reach out to your child's teacher on how their birthday can be celebrated in the classroom.

#### ATTENDANCE:

- Parents are responsible for calling the attendance line (973.334.4162, press "1") in the event their on-site, off-site or remote learning child is not able to attend school or will be tardy on a particular day. If an off-site or remote learning student fails to log in for their instructional day, the Office will be notified by the teacher at the end of the day.

#### MAKE-UP WORK for ABSENCES:

- As per our reopening plan, most academic expectations can be found on a digital platform. Students/parents should check individual teachers' Google Classrooms and/or websites for assignments.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Until further notice, students in grades 5 through 8 will not be changing clothes for Physical Education classes. It is recommended that students wear appropriate attire and footwear on their scheduled physical education days.

#### ATHLETICS:

- Until further notice, there are no athletic sports programs this year.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

- Face coverings are required while riding the bus.
- Students must sit **one child per seat**, unless seated with siblings while riding the bus.
- Students should sit closest to the window as possible.

#### PICKING UP STUDENTS:

- All students wait near the Art Room end of the building when they are dismissed. Drivers need to enter the school campus at Valley Road, **bear to the right**, through the parking area and wait to pick up their children at the service entrance to the school. Cars will stay in line until they reach the area where children are waiting. Drivers must remain in their cars in the pick up line while waiting for their children. After pick up they may proceed out toward Valley Road.

#### LUNCH:

- As per our reopening plan, “Grab and Go” lunches will be distributed to students at the end of the day for them to take home.

#### ASSEMBLIES:

- Until further notice, no assemblies will be scheduled for this year.

#### USE OF THE BUILDING:

- Until further notice, there will be no or limited use of the building by outside groups.

**FIELD TRIPS:**

- Field trips that require students to leave the building have been suspended until further notice.

**RVS KIDCARE:**

- Please refer to the Parent Handbook for more information on the new District run after care program.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- ON-SITE Learners: The cohort of students physically present in school.
- OFF-SITE Learners: The cohort of students learning at home each day.
- REMOTE Learners: The group of students who have opted to participate in 100% virtual learning from home every day.

Off-Site and Remote Learning = Virtual Learning