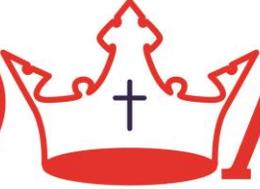


ST. ED  ARD
School

Covid -19
Plans and Policies
For
Reopening School

Temperatures/Illness

Temperatures will be taken when students get out of the car each morning. In the event of rain, we will check temperatures inside the main doors at the bottom of the stairs. Do not leave until you have the thumbs up from the adult checking temperatures.

Please conduct a daily health check at home. Prior to coming to school each and every day, parents shall conduct a health check of their child to assess whether the child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The daily health check shall consist of the following:

- a. Taking the child's temperature.
- b. Through discussion with the child and personal observation of the parent, assess if the child is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:
 - i. Fever of over 100 °F
 - ii. Chills
 - iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing – not asthma
 - iv. Fatigue
 - v. Muscle or body aches
 - vi. Headache
 - vii. Loss of taste or smell
 - viii. Sore throat
 - ix. Congestion or runny nose- not related to allergies
 - x. Nausea or vomiting
 - xi. Diarrhea

If your child has these symptoms, do not send them to school. Do not try sending them to school medicated to mask symptoms. This would expose others to whatever illness they have. Seek medical attention and contact the school about the absence.

For up to date information about COVID-19 symptoms and for an interactive symptom checker/self-assessment tool, parents and guardians should visit the website of the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

Students who become Sick at School

A student who, while at school, develops a fever of greater than 100°F or exhibits any one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 (not including anything that the school administration reasonably believes to be unrelated to illness, such as seasonal allergies, or isolated incidents of coughing or sneezing) may not remain at school and must be picked up and taken home at the earliest opportunity. Such students will be immediately directed to a designated spot to be isolated from others except for the staff designated to monitor and care for such students until they go home. In the case of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case, the school will call local health department to report the matter and obtain guidance. Any student who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 may not return to school until such student meets the CDC's criteria for returning to school. Others who may have been potentially exposed will be notified in accordance with the directives or advice of the local health department.

Our isolation room is fully equipped with protective equipment. Students will be able to leave the building through the door closest to the isolation room to avoid contact with anyone.

Masks

We would like to address the issue of masks. We are required to have a mask policy in place. We understand that it may not be feasible for students to wear masks all day. We also know that masks serve a real purpose in the prevention of spreading this virus.

1. School staff will be required to wear masks. If they are 6 feet away from students they may wear a face shield so students can see their face.
2. Students in Preschool through 2nd grade are asked to have masks, face shields, or neck gaiters, if possible, taking into consideration each student's development and tolerance for wearing a mask. We would like all students to have masks/ face shields/neck gaiters for common areas such as hallways and bathrooms.
3. We are asking students 3rd and up to come with a face mask or neck gaiter for their protection and the protection of others. Face masks should cover the nose, mouth, and chin and should be made of cloth. Masks must have appropriate designs and characters on them. Face shields may be an

alternative for students with sensory issues, etc.. We will work with students regarding these issues on an individual basis.

4. All students will have desk barriers. The desk barriers would allow students who are seated and listening to instruction or working at their desk to remove the face mask while still maintaining social distancing. This will give students many opportunities during the day to be without a mask.
5. Students receiving speech therapy will be given their own face shield to wear during speech therapy.
6. The reading recovery teacher, tutors, speech therapist, and intervention specialist will also have a plexiglass shield to use when working with students.



Hand Washing & Sanitizing Students are expected to wash their hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, including if their hands are dirty, before and after eating, after using the restroom, at other appropriate times (e.g., after blowing their nose/coughing/sneezing, and after touching garbage), and as otherwise instructed. Hand sanitizer, provided by the school at various places around the school, should be used by students to supplement hand washing, including when entering the school or entering or exiting a classroom. Parents and guardians should discuss hand washing with their child. For instructions and information about hand washing and sanitizing, parents and guardians should visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/child-development/how-to-wash-hands.htm>.

We are asking each child to bring a 2 ounce bottle of hand sanitizer. We are purchasing containers for each child to hold the mask and hand sanitizer at their desk. We are also in need of donations of large pump bottles of hand sanitizer for the classrooms. We will also use these to refill the 2 ounce bottles.

Sanitizing the Environment

All areas of the building in use will be sanitized daily. Bathrooms, door handles and railings will be cleaned and sanitized more often. We are using a solution which is on the EPA N list and safe for foods. We will use quart spray bottles and a misting machine to sanitize the school environment.

Water Bottles

We are asking you to send a water bottle with your child to avoid multiple hands and possibly mouths on the drinking fountains.

Lockers

Children will not be sharing lockers unless it is with a sibling.

Social Distancing

Students must practice social distancing whenever possible. Social distancing means:

- a. Maintaining space between oneself and others at all times possible, including in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, and pick-up and drop-off areas.
- b. If maintaining six feet of space is not possible, maintaining as much space between oneself and others.
- c. Following all directions and instructions given or posted regarding social distancing.
- d. Follow all floor or other markings indicating the designated flow of traffic in hallways, rooms, and elsewhere.
- e. Avoid when possible sharing items, materials, and spaces with others.
- f. Maintain social distancing if possible on the bus to and from school.

Changing for Gym

This year we will not be having students in grade Kindergarten through third change for gym. This will limit students entering classrooms other than their own. If your child wears a dress shoe instead of the black or white gym shoe, please send gym shoes to school on gym days. Girls may want to wear the uniform shorts in the fall and pants in the winter on gym days. They could also wear the little shorts under their skirts.

Visitors in the Building

Visitors in the school will be limited this year.

Only a limited number of volunteers will be in the building.

Lunch will not be open for visitors.

If your child has an appointment or you need to come into the school for other reasons, please remain at the front desk.

Cafeteria

Students will be spaced 6 feet apart in the cafeteria. Students will all be facing the same direction. Students will be served their lunch as we have always done. Any condiments will also be served to them to avoid multiple hands touching items.

Students will wash their hands before and after they eat.

Dismissal

Please line up in your vehicle three cars in each row. You will be given a sign with your name on it. Hold up the sign so we can see the family name. We will release the students from the classrooms by families using our walkie-talkies. We will try to make this go as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Distance Learning Plans

We understand that everyone has concerns about another shut down. The teachers are participating in professional development so that everyone will have Google Classroom up and running and be able to show all students how to use it.

In the event of a shut down, the teachers will continue with live streaming instruction daily through Google Meet. Many teachers will be doing this from their classrooms, if possible. Students will be able to watch instruction during scheduled times, interact, and ask questions. Assignments will be able to be accessed from Google Classroom. We will help to provide devices for families who may need them.

Students Unable to Attend School Face to Face

If you know now that your child has medical needs and should not attend in person, please let us know. We will address each student's needs one quarter at a time.

We will be following the same Distance Learning Plan above (known as Simultaneous Learning) There will be specific procedures in place for Simultaneous Learning Students. Students will be required to be seated at a desk or table, have their materials and supplies ready, they must be on the monitor at all specified times, and they must wear the uniform polo. Simultaneous Learning students will be able to watch the lessons and engage with the teacher and other students from home. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom. Students who are absent from in-person class instruction for other reasons will follow the teacher's absentee procedures. In other words, students would not go in and out of the distance learning on a day by day basis. The exception would be if a child needs to be quarantined.