

FAQ

We will be updating this page with the latest information regarding the questions and concerns that have been submitted through this site. We are in an area of many unknowns but please be assured that our decisions will be made with student and teacher safety as our first priority.

As of 7/14/2020

1. Will we check temperatures and how often?

At this point temperatures will be checked daily. Parents will also be required to complete a health screening questionnaire before arrival to school.

2. How are we addressing Social Emotional aspects of social distancing?

Both of our social emotional curriculum, Tool Box K-5 and Second Step 6-8 have special webinars geared toward this topic. Several teachers are participating in them and will present to the staff any ideas that will be helpful. Our goal is to build connections between the teacher and students in whatever format is allowed (social distancing or online). The transitional grades Kindergarten and 6th grade will be an area of focus since it will be a new environment for them to experience. More specific information will be provided as we move into the fall.

3. There are a few questions regarding testing if students are sick.

At this point we do not have specific guidelines for how testing will work. Marin County Office of Education is updating us on a regular basis with their recommendations.

4. Are you considering a hybrid model?

We are looking at several models that keep evolving as new information becomes available. At this point, we are working on in person classes as well as a robust Distance Learning model. With the in class model, students will be at school five days a week for a full day. Possibilities will include smaller cohort classes, enrichment teachers moving between classes instead of the students moving, and no cross traffic movement throughout the day. We are working on a cleaning schedule with EPA approved products.

5. Under what circumstances will a class initiate remote learning?

We will be following the MCOE guidelines on when to initiate a cohort going to remote learning. At this point, when a student or staff member tests positive then that cohort will close for 14 days. We will have a site representative on each campus that will communicate with Marin County Public Health regarding any possible exposures that might have occurred and follow their recommendations.

6. When will we see the reopening plan?

We are currently working on plans for reopening. We have taken several steps to get our campuses ready for opening as well as working on in class cleaning protocols etc. We are tracking the latest data and being responsive to that information. There is anxiety around the

reopening and we understand that the community would like a decision sooner than later. We hope to get a plan out in the near future.

7. How is it that preschool can start and K-8 cannot?

Preschool is under regulations set by child care laws. We are licensed by the Department of Social Services for our preschool program. Our licensing office explained that most scientific studies indicate the transmission rate of the virus with children under age 10 is low. In fact, some indicate that the rate is even lower with younger children. The governor is also keenly aware of the fact that people need childcare in order to get back to work. Therefore, the state decided to allow child care centers (like our preschool) to operate under strict cleaning and health protocols. The children's health and safety is our primary focus and we are able to do everything possible to mitigate the chance of the virus entering our classrooms. It does take a village to keep us all safe, and wearing masks, cleaning hands and keeping socially distanced will help us all get back to a normal schedule.