



## FAQ—Frequently Asked Questions

### Preschool & Prekindergarten

Q: Is preschool and prekindergarten starting in person or remote?

- Our preschool & PreK programs will be in-person

Q: Will there be an option for online learning for Pre-K, or will in person be the only option?

- Preschool & PreK remote learning is available for families.

Q: Will the times be varied for k-5/6 to accommodate dropping off of younger siblings in Pre-school ??

- Morning PreK drop off will start as early as 8:30AM. If there is an accommodation needed, coordinate with your homeroom/first period teacher in advance.

Q: When will sign ups begin for Jump Start?

- Jump Start signups will happen this week for Preschool, PreK, Kindergarten & New students. Look for the email from the office. Jump Start can be in person or remote.

Q: Is pre-k going to mass?

- Not at this time live, but we could have it streamed in their class.

### School Supplies

Q: Regarding purchasing school supplies, when the kids return to in-person learning do we purchase supplies only enough for the individual student? Since there probably will not be any sharing of supplies.

- This is correct—individual school supplies for each student will be necessary for both distance and in-person learning. Students will also be given weekly supplemental materials as needed such as art material, etc. during distance learning, but it is a good idea to get stocked up now.
- Students will use only their supplies and will not be sharing while at school.
- There is a list of school supplies in the front office and a link on our website at [www.stpx.org](http://www.stpx.org)

### Technology

Q: Are the students able to communicate verbally to their teachers? Or only via chat?

- Students can talk on the calls - it is a two-way video and auditory system.
- Students can also chat (IM or typing a message) to the whole team or privately to the teacher



Q: Is everything going to be via zoom, No more Portal?

- No, we will use the Teams application which allows for a single sign-in, secure portal.

Q: Will we have a chance to play around with teams before school starts?

- You bet! Our first days of class will be working on using Teams. Parents will have access to Teams via their child's account to see class assignments, the calendar/schedule, and homework (due dates, completed assignments and their child's score)

Q: So, OneDrive is shared by the entire grade level and not individuals?

- Each individual student has his or her own sign in and use of Office.

### **Teachers, Communication & Instruction**

Q: Will there be real time class time with teachers?

- Yes, there will be classes in real-time (synchronous) learning with the teacher live and time when your child will be learning asynchronously which means she or he may be doing independent work, working in a small group, choosing an activity from a "choice-board," practicing an assigned skill, studying for a quiz/test, or given an online assignment (example "IXL" or "Spelling City").

Q: With TEAMS, how can parents contact Teachers? Will you be still using email for that?

- Yes, we will still use email for teacher/parent communication.

Q: Also will teachers be available during normal classroom times?

- Just like in-person education, teachers will be teaching during the school hours. On Mondays and Fridays the school hours are 8:55AM-2PM, Tuesday through Thursday from 8:55AM-3PM. Office Hours are 30 minutes after the end of each day or by appointment.

Q: What are the options to parents who need to go to work or do not have time to guide their child during the day?

- Ideally, students will check into their class each morning by 9AM. Teachers will have a weekly plan, so parents are able to plan for synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous (independent, group, or studying time) learning each week. For families who are unable to join the "real-time" instruction, these lessons will be recorded and available for students to review at a more convenient time.

Q: What happens if parents cannot be available in the AM for attendance due to working? Are there options for families that need to work full time and cannot log in for morning class?



- If students are unable to log in during the morning, parents should contact/email their teachers to let the teacher know if AM attendance will not be regular. Attendance should be submitted by the end of the day (or when the student logs in and begins their schoolwork) to the teacher.
- Instructional lessons will be recorded and accessible to students later in the day. If you know your child will need to have an alternate learning schedule, please contact the teacher directly.

Q: If the student wasn't able to log in for the morning class would it count as a sick day?

- If a student is sick (i.e. they wouldn't come to school even if school was in-person) than the parent should email the teacher & [office@stpx.org](mailto:office@stpx.org) to report the absence. This way we know your child is absent and will not be logging in that day.
- If your child is going to be on an alternate learning schedule, then please coordinate this with the teacher. This way the teacher knows to expect work at a certain time and will count the student as "present" for that day.
- If we do not receive notice that your child is sick or has a pre-planned alternate schedule, and does not check in anytime that day, then your child will be marked absent.

Q: For parents that WFH full time, it's going to be a bit of a challenge. Is the expectation that we can work on their schoolwork either later in the afternoon or does it have to be at the same time as the lessons?

- Yes, you will be able to work on schoolwork later in the afternoon, by accessing the recorded lessons when it works for your schedule. Please make sure to communicate with your teacher.

Q: What will be the common day-to-day during a week of online learning? Or will that be up to each individual teacher?

- The typical schedule for K-4 will be live instructional content for core subjects in the morning beginning on the half hour from 9-Noon. The afternoon will be specialists as well as art, social/emotional lessons, along with small groups, 1:1 support, individual study, practicing assigned skills or assigned online work (i.e. "IXL" or "Spelling City") from 1PM to either 2PM or 3PM.
- The typical schedule for 5-8 will be live instructional content in the morning beginning on the hour from 9-Noon. The afternoon will continue with subject-specific class periods but start on the half hour (1-1:30, 1:30-2PM; 2-2:30PM, 2:30-3PM).

Q: Do I need to be present or available at all times while my Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grader during the remote learning?



- Teachers will be teaching live, as well as assigning independent work, working with small groups, or providing 1:1 assessments/support. There will be times parents of younger learners will want to be present to help during more “asynchronous” times; not as much when the teacher is working directly with the class or with your child.
- Teachers will be available during the day with most of the day on-line with students and then office hours.
- The teachers will have much more time of direct instruction this year than in the spring.

Q: Could we choose to keep our child home when this happens and continue with distance learning until we are comfortable to send our child in person? If we go back to in-school session, can we still opt for the distant-learning?

- Yes, we will continue to offer online learning for families who want to keep their children at home.

### **Uniforms, ESS**

Q: Are uniforms required when schooling from home?

- Uniforms are not required for distance learning
- Some students did dress in their uniforms just to feel like they were in school

Q: Is ESS will be available for parents?

- When school comes back into session ESS will be available

### **Volunteering & Parent Connections**

What is the plan for Volunteer Hours?

- Hours are still required to be completed by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. During remote learning we could use help with weekly packet assembly, library or front office help, and take-home projects.
- Parents may consider volunteering with our Jog-a-thon or Annual Appeal which are two important Fall fundraisers.
- Parent Club volunteering—we could use help with a new Welcoming Committee pairing new families with experienced or same-grade level families.
- Volunteering begins now. Have an idea? Please contact [office@stpx.org](mailto:office@stpx.org)

Q: Is there a social media group for parents?

- We have a FB page for the school but not just for parents. This is a great idea that we would love to get organized. This would count for volunteer hours.

Q: Where's a good place or resource to start for new families?

- Make sure to sign up for Jump Start. If you would like to get connected with another family in your child’s grade, please contact [office@stpx.org](mailto:office@stpx.org)