

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Reopening Plan Questions and Answers





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Reopening Plan: General Information



OLQA will be reopening 5 full days a week beginning on September 8th.

Students in grades pre-k to 8th grade, all faculty, and staff must wear masks while in the school building. (This will be enforced as part of the uniform policy and the handbook.) The only exception to this rule are the pre-k students may remove masks once in their classroom.

Gaiters, handkerchiefs, or masks with vents are not permitted.(This is based on the most recent information we were given from Perrotta Consulting)

No parents or guests will be permitted in the building unless it is an emergency. (We hope this will change soon!)

Reopening Plan: Arrival Information



All students, teachers, and staff will have daily temperature screenings upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature of 100.0 or over will not be permitted to enter the building or be sent home if they arrive by bus.

All parents must fill out a health screening form for each of their children every Sunday. If this form is not filled out your child will not be permitted in school.

All staff must fill out a daily health information form.

Morning drop off will happen in the back parking lot. Please be patient during this process. Every student will have their temperature taken before entering the building.

We will use 3 different doors in the back of the school for entry. This will help to limit the number of students entering at the same time.

All students will go immediately to their advisory class upon arrival.

Reopening Plan: Classrooms and Lunch



Classrooms will be set up with 3 to 6 feet of distance between student desks and with 6 feet from the front of the room to the first row of student desks.

Mask breaks will be incorporated into the daily schedule for all students in grades K-8.

Students in grades K-5 will not change classes. Students in grades 6-8 may change for one class a day.

All special area teachers will push into the classrooms.

Gym will take place outside when the weather permits.

Students will eat lunch in the gym so 6 feet of distance can be maintained. This room will be disinfected between lunch periods.

Students will be asked to wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer upon entry.

Reopening Plan: Building Information



The building will undergo cleaning of high touch areas throughout the day, including bathrooms, handrails, doorknobs, etc., using EPA approved cleaners and an electrostatic sprayer.

Each night the building will undergo a full clean and disinfection to prepare for the next day.

Floors will be marked with social distance reminders.

Hallways will have one-way sides.

All students will have their own set of supplies in the classroom. No sharing of supplies is permitted.

Students in the Mission will not use lockers except to store their coats.

Reopening Plan: Social Emotional



OLQA is extremely fortunate to have numerous people available to help all students, families, and faculty during the transition back to school. The following staff are available to students:

Alex Finta- School Social Worker

Helen Parisi- Young Apostles Program

Christian Diconsiglio- Social Worker Intern

Father John Sureau- Social Worker/Executive Pastor

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Will children be required to wear masks?

- Yes. All children are required to wear masks on the school bus, in the hallway, and in the bathroom.
- Children in grades K-8 are required to wear masks while in the classroom and daily mask breaks have been incorporated into the schedule.
- Students will not wear masks during gym when gym class is outside or during lunch and recess.

Can parents have an option on days they want to send their children to school?

- No. We are opening 5 full days a week for school. If you have a high concern or medical reason that requires distance learning please contact Mrs. Waller. Any family that has previously inquired about distance learning received a letter on August 21st.

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Is there an option for distance learning?

- If you have a high concern or medical reason that requires distance learning we have an option available. This will not be the same as what OLQA did in March. Students will have to follow a live daily schedule and will not have recorded lessons.

Are school districts still providing transportation?

- Yes and No. If you registered for bussing with your local school district before the deadline you should still have bussing. Many districts are not permitting students to sign up for bussing during this time because the deadline for transportation forms has passed. We are encouraging you to reach out to your local public school district in regards to this.

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Will OLQA be offering aftercare and before care?

- Absolutely!! We will offer both of these programs but may have to cap the number of students in each. We will send a google form this week for parents to fill out to let us know if they want to sign up for the programs.

We are concerned with Faith Formation and our child's desk.

- At this time the Faith Formation program will not be using the classrooms.

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If my child is home either because she is being monitored for possible COVID or because her classroom was quarantined because of another child what happens to her learning?

- They will be able to participate in live distance learning.

What happens if a child that had been in school gets reported to have symptoms of COVID?

- The child will be sent home. A clearance note from the child's health care provider will be required to resume school.

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What happens if there is a positive case in the building?

- The person who is positive must stay home for 10 days of isolation. All cases will reported to Suffolk County Department of Health. They will conduct contact tracing, which the school will cooperate with and assist in identifying close contacts of the case. Suffolk County Department of Health will inform OLQA as to who may need to quarantine at home for 14 days.

Will doctors notes be accepted for children to not wear masks?

- No. There are no exceptions at this time.