

## **Safely Reopening St. Patrick School 2020-2021 FAQ**

**Please note that all protocols are based on compliance with CDC, NYSED, and NYSDOH guidelines as they pertain to our school buildings.**

**Although not required, we are adding an additional layer of protection for the students and staff and recommending EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR A MASK.**

*Is there an outline or format that will be instituted for children that choose remote instruction?*

Yes, the guidelines for Remote Learning are located on page 11 of the PowerPoint. The students will need to log on from 8:30-2:30 and follow their class schedule. The teacher will set up google classroom, and the Remote learner will follow along.

*What are the current protocols for remote learning?*

It is in the PowerPoint and attached to the Remote Learning Form. i.e. show up everyday in uniform, submit your work.

*How much screen times are they expected to have?*

Same as school day.

*Is it following a live stream format? Yes*

*Will the students have a set schedule to follow? Yes.*

*How will the grading be with classes like physical education and Spanish or art? Same as in class.*

*Will the students have PE?*

Yes, Mr. Roderick usually holds class outside whenever possible, and will continue to do so. The students will maintain 12 ft of distance, inside or outside.

*Can a student use a face shield instead of a mask?*

No. Students may wear face shields in addition to the mask.

*Will the students have Recess?*

Yes. We will maintain 6 ft. of distance between them, and will limit the amount of students.

*Will mask breaks be provided?*

Yes. Students will be able to remove their masks for short intervals throughout the day.

*What are the protocols for students who take the bus?*

Each school district will have their own protocols. Please contact your school district.

*Will students be able to keep their backpacks and jackets with them at their seats?*

Yes. Each student will keep all their belongings in their assigned space. Closets and lockers will not be utilized at this time.

*I see they need to bring all their stuff back and forth every day in case we go into lock down. Can we send a milk crate for easier pick up and leave stuff and just fetch one parent at a time no kids in case? It's a lot for kids to carry & remember.*

The students cannot keep crates by their desks as it is a fire hazard. Also, NO ONE will be permitted back into the room to fetch the crate with books if someone tests positive. Many of our textbooks have online resources that will be utilized.

*if Parents choose to go back in fall but want virtual after dec will they be able to choose again and vice versa?*  
Yes

*What about AIS?* The entire Diocese is switching to iReady, a scientific- based computer assessment that will provide immediate feedback to the teacher. We will access the students in January and again in March. The online lessons provide instruction and practice for each student, driven by the needs identified by the Diagnostic and tailored to accelerate their growth.

*Will the school hold Fire Drills and Lockdowns?*

Yes. Fire and lockdown drills will be conducted as required by New York State. These drills will be conducted within individual cohorts in order to promote social distancing requirements. Of course, in the event of an actual emergency, the entire student body will evacuate or lockdown.

*How will my child know where to go on the first day of school?*

We will have signage, and teachers on duty in the school yard.

*Will everyone on remote learning receive a chromebook?*

We currently have 240 chromebooks and we have almost 500 students. Grades 4-8 have a cart of 30 that they share per grade. We have several more on order, however, they are back ordered and will not arrive until November. We are looking into expanding our network to accommodate the extra devices.

*Can I bring forgotten items up to school?*

Visitors will not be permitted in the building.

*Why is dismissal for "Walkers" later?*

More parents will be driving their children instead of sending them on the school bus. To alleviate the traffic congestion on the street, we will permit parents to pull into the yard in a single line (like book pick-up) and the children will walk to their cars.

*Will parents be allowed to drive into the schoolyard in the morning?*

No. Parents have between 8:00- 8:15 to drop off and go on Community Road.

*Can the students use the water fountain?*

The bottle refill station will be open to use, but the spout will be closed off.

*Will Religious Education be using our building?* No. There will be no outside groups using the school Building.

*What is the criteria for the school to go to remote learning?*

A school-wide return to remote learning would occur by order of the local and/or state officials.

*Will all school families be notified if a student/staff member tests positive for Covid-19?*

Yes.

### **7th & 8th Grade Parents**

*How will the classes be set up in MPH?*

There are 8 (we are using 6) classrooms in the lower level of MPH, equipped with Smart Boards and Projectors. Students will be seated 6 ft. apart.

*How often will students be crossing N. Clinton Ave.?*

There will be no reason for the students to cross the street.

*Is the Building secure?*

Yes. All doors are locked, no one will enter the building. The receptionist will be at the door and the grounds will be patrolled by Security.

*Where will outside Gym take place?*

Mr. Roderick will be taking the students on the grassy area along side the Church. This area is often used by Summer Faith Camp.

*Where will "Walkers" be dismissed? Where can I pick-up my child at dismissal?*

Drive South on N. Clinton and make a left at the sign that says "Rectory Parking" Proceed to the back circle. Your child will come to you. Circle around and exit on Mechanicsville.

