



## Saint Anne's School Secure Reopening Plan 2020-2021

### Frequently Asked Questions

Updated as of August 21, 2020

#### **Q1. Is a fully remote option being offered through Saint Anne's School?**

- A. Yes, if you are interested in a fully remote option please complete the [Fall 2020 Learning Accomodation Form](#) (also available on our [website](#)) by August 24, 2020, the date has been extended from the original date of August 21, 2020. The completed form should be submitted to the attention of Mrs. Ann-Marie Zino at [annzino@stannesgcschool.org](mailto:annzino@stannesgcschool.org).

#### **Q2. Will my child need to wear a mask during the day?**

- A. Yes, masks are required to be worn during the day, per the New York State Education Department for grades K-8. Masks will be required, a SAS mask has been purchased for your child, simple solid color masks will be permissible, in addition to the SAS mask. Nursery and Pre-K students will follow the daycare requirements, further outlined in this document.

#### **Q3. How will parents complete the health questionnaire?**

- A. We will employ a newly purchased App, Pickup Patrol, which will fulfill the New York State questionnaire requirement, while also assisting with student arrival, dismissal, and absenteeism. Administrators for Pickup Patrol include the office staff and the school nurse. Additional details regarding this process will be forthcoming.

#### **Q4. Will my child receive their special classes?**

- A. Yes, we are able to provide art, music theory, foreign language, library, technology (1:1 devices for student use), and gym/health for this upcoming year.



**Q5. Will my student be able to attend Mass?**

- A. Yes, class and school masses will still take place throughout the year, following protocols in place for Mass attendance.

**Q6. Where will my child keep their personal belongings?**

- A. Students will keep their personal belongings at their desk. Classroom locker usage will be discontinued, and their use will be under review in conjunction with guidelines from the New York State Department of Health and the CDC.

**Q7. How many students will be in my child's class?**

- A. This varies due to room size and enrollment. Each student will be provided with a seat and a desk at a strategic distance from other students. Please note that at the present time our typical classroom for grades K-8 will comfortably accommodate 15-24 students. Each student will be provided with a seat and a desk at a safe strategic distance from other students.

**Q8. What will the September uniform regulations be?**

- A. Students will be expected to begin the year in the summer uniform or the gym uniform, complete details can be found on the school website. Students participating virtually should also participate in either the summer uniform or gym uniform.

**Q9. Will After School Enrichment, Band, CYO and Field Trips continue?**

- A. At this time, we await further guidance regarding extracurricular activities. Our primary concern is to reopen the school for academics.

**Q10. Will temperatures be taken?**

- A. Yes. Anyone entering the school building must have their temperature checked, or they will not be permitted to enter the school.



**Q11. What will the Nursery and Pre-K classrooms look like?**

- A. Group sizes will be capped at 15 children per class.
- B. Masks will not be required in the classroom for children in Pre-K and below.
- C. Teachers will be permitted to interact with children as long as they are wearing appropriate PPE.
- D. We will follow the childcare and day care guidelines from NYS which account for student needs, as well as health and safety.
- E. Children will utilize sinks for hand hygiene and not have access to hand sanitizer.

**Q12. What is the cleaning schedule and protocol for each school day?**

- A. Saint Anne's School will comply with CDC guidelines for school reopening and for daily maintenance, which includes classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria, library and play areas. For additional information, please review our complete plan on the school website.

**Q13. Will Saint Anne's host virtual parent meetings prior to the beginning of the school year?**

- A. All virtual parent forums were held on Thursday, August 20th, by grade level. Parents have received meeting details via email. Select questions received prior to the meetings and those answered during the meeting will be transcribed and circulated after all of the parent forums have occurred. The meetings will not be recorded.

**Q14. Will lunch, milk or snack be available for purchase?**

- A. There will be no lunch, milk or snack sale at this time, we will revisit this on a regular basis to secure a safe school dining experience.

**Q15. Is Power School available at this time?**

- A. The parent portal is currently closed. The portal should reopen the week after school reopens.



**Q16. Will Aftercare be available this school year?**

- A.** Yes, more detailed information and registration documents are currently available on the website.

**Q17. If there is a diagnosis of COVID-19 in a building, what will happen?**

**A.** We will work collaboratively with the Nassau County Department of Health when, and if, a diagnosis of COVID-19 were to be identified in a school. The response to a new diagnosis will follow communicable disease response frameworks. If notified of a confirmed or presumptive case of COVID-19, we will follow the direction of the Nassau County Department of Health in notifying affected individuals, cleaning and disinfecting appropriate spaces, and providing data to public health organizations to aid their investigation/contact tracing.

**Q18. What if a student reports coronavirus-like symptoms during the school day?**

**A.** A designated room will serve as a COVID-19 isolation space. This will be separate from the nurse's office. Students will wait in this room supervised by a staff member until they are picked up by a family member, as soon as possible.

**Q19. What will the cleaning schedule and deep clean schedule be and how frequently?**

**A.** All interior spaces as well as play areas will be treated with an EPA and FDA approved non-toxic, water based, antimicrobial solution that is proven to be effective for 90 days. The solution will be applied using electrostatic sprayers which ionize the solution to ensure it covers and sticks to surfaces. Additionally, our school will be thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis utilizing a cleaning/disinfecting solution from the list of EPA Approved Disinfectants Against COVID which will be applied with electrostatic sprayers. Frequently touched surfaces in common areas such as door handles, stairway railings, light switches, and soap dispensers will be cleaned and disinfected frequently at least daily or between uses. The Custodial staff will follow a written schedule throughout the day for surface cleaning of high touch areas, restrooms, common spaces, and high-traffic areas.



**Q 20. If my child is having difficulty throughout the first trimester, can I switch to virtual learning after the first trimester?**

**A.** We strongly encourage parents to select an educational pathway and try to remain on that pathway for the school year. However, we understand that adjustments might have to be made along the way for the well-being of our students, pastoral considerations will be considered on an individual request basis. You will have the opportunity to elect in or out of this process at the end of the first trimester.

**Q 21. Do I need to purchase Chromebooks?**

**A.** Saint Anne's School is working to provide 1:1 technology. More specific information will be available soon.

**Q.22. Will teachers hand out any worksheets or papers?**

**A.** With the addition of 1:1 technology it is our hope that most, if not all, work will be virtual.

**Q.23 What will the curriculum, course of study, look like for remote students?**

**A.** All Saint Anne's School students will follow the New York State Curriculum mandates. Those students participating virtually will livestream into a classroom where their teacher is present.

**Q 24. How will the remote classes work?**

**A.** Saint Anne's School will have cameras in each classroom and teachers will be given microphones. Remote learners will be able to log on to watch live classes, including specials.

**Q 25. Is there a hybrid option available?**

**A.** At this time we are not offering a hybrid model, but may consider it's introduction in the future.



**Q 26. Will my child receive transportation?**

**A.** Transportation is provided by your local school district. Please confirm your child's transportation details with the school district that provides transportation.

**Q 27. Will my child receive AIS? Will my child's IEP be followed?**

**A.** Yes, all district approved services will be provided in accordance with guidelines and protocols in place.

**Q 28. Is the St. Anne's Plan approved by NYS?**

**A.** There is no formal approval process. If our plan had any errors, we would have been notified by the close of business on Monday, August 17th per Governor Cuomo, as stated during a recent news conference. We have received no such correspondence.

**Q 29. Can a tuition discount be offered for families that choose a fully remote option?**

**A.** No, there is no tuition discount available to students that choose the remote option.

**Q 30. Can parents visit the classroom before the start of the school year, or receive photographs of the classroom, to see the new configurations?**

**A.** No, parent visits will not be permitted at this time. However, sample classroom photos will be available shortly as an update to our FAQ.

**Q 31. Will the children have recess and what safety precautions will be taken?**

**A.** Yes, the children will have outdoor recess, weather permitting. The schoolyard will be sectioned off accordingly to allow for appropriate social distancing. At this time no toys will be allowed, this includes balls and hula hoops. This policy will be revisited in accordance with protocols.



**Q 32. If a child is determined to be ill COVID or other, do they just log in remote for that school day?**

**A.** Yes, the children will have the capacity to attend class via their Chromebook, unless they are too ill to participate in class.

**Q 33. With the announcement of the latest policy change, we are now in midst of the third version of the SAS reopening plan; however, the plan posted on the school website is the first draft dated August 5th that contains detailed information about the now defunct "At-School Learning Center Model."**

**A.** We are able to accommodate, at a safe distance, all students. As a result the At School Learning Center Model will not be in use at this time.

**Q 34. How is "strategic distance" defined as referenced in the latest FAQ document? What is the minimum distance between students that we can expect during instruction?**

**A.** 3-6 feet

**Q 35. Is the recording of streamed classes part of the remote learning plan?**

**A.** No, classes will not be recorded, children participating remotely are expected to engage in a typical school day virtually.

**Q 36. When will students find out their teacher?**

**A.** At this time class lists have not been finalized, it is likely that students will not be made aware of their teacher until the first day of school.

**Q 37. Will the school supplies list be updated at all if there will be limited space to store notebooks etc in the kids individual desks?**

**A.** School supply lists remain as published and are currently available on the school website.



**Q 38. Will arrival and dismissal be staggered?**

- A. Yes, we've employed PickUp Patrol to assist with dismissal, your patience is appreciated, as with any new process we work through the implementation and communicate procedures accordingly.

**Q 39. Will parents be allowed to walk nursery students to their classroom? Will parents be permitted to attend any classroom events or activities throughout the year for nursery?**

- A. At this time visitors to Saint Anne's are limited, the policy will be revisited as the situation develops.

**Q 40. Is there an air filtration system at Saint Anne's school?**

- A. All windows and doors will remain open to maximize air circulation, rooms that have air conditioning will also have doors and windows open, as does the Church. This is in accordance with the New York State Department of Health.

**Q 41. Will the students be able to use their book bag when they transition to another class room? Instead of carrying their books in their hands.**

- A. Children will not transition, teachers will transition classes.

**Q 42. Will the faith formation program be in the building?**

- A. At this time, faith formation will not occur in the school building.

**Q 43. Will there be periodic virtual parent meetings as a means of assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the plan in execution?**

- A. Virtual meetings may be held periodically throughout the year to communicate new and necessary information.

**Q 44. Will the students take the High School entrance exam in school?**

- A. Saint Anne's School has not made plans at this time to administer the TACHS exam onsite. Information regarding the exam will be communicated by the 8th grade teachers as the date of the exam approaches.



**Please note that not all questions asked during the Parent Forums are answered in this document. Questions that require additional, detailed, information will be answered as they are finalized and communicated accordingly.**

**We thank you for your patience as we navigate the Back to School process, looking forward to seeing you in September!**

**Enjoy the rest of your summer!**

## **DISCLAIMER**

**All policies and procedures delineated herein are subject to change and alteration based on the guidance of the State of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**

**Parents and all Stakeholders will always be kept informed of any such changes and necessary alterations.**