

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS II

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Is it mandatory that students beginning with remote learning must continue remote learning for the entire semester?

Yes. If a family chooses to begin with remote learning, we ask that the commitment is for the trimester. You will have the opportunity to change after the trimester is over.

Is there a hybrid option, which is a combination of in school and remote learning?

No.

How will bathrooms be monitored? Will additional staff be hired to help with the disinfection and cleaning throughout the day?

All bathrooms will be monitored and cleaned/disinfected daily. There will be staff members assigned as monitors and custodial staff assigned to the school for regular cleaning.

Will tenting be used on the school property?

No.

Will there be any guidance as to what type of masks can be worn?

Faculty and students are required to wear cloth or disposable face coverings of their choice as long as they cover the nose and mouth.

Will remote learning be made available to a student whose parent/guardian decide to switch before the end of the first trimester?

Yes, students who begin in person may choose to switch to remote learning at any time. If they do, they must continue remotely for the remainder of the trimester. This will be an easy transition utilizing Zoom and the school iPad.

If I chose remote learning for the first trimester can I opt for in school in the second or third trimester?

Yes.

Will kitchen sets be removed from Nursery and Pre-K classrooms?

No. They will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

How often will mask breaks take place?

As often as needed when it can be done safely with six feet of distance and always during lunch.

Will students be able to have their own personal hand sanitizer?

No, hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and other key locations throughout the school.

Will there be any changes to the school supply list?

No, supply lists are posted on the St. Aidan School website.

Will students be permitted to wear gym uniforms during September?

Yes, and until further notice.

Will there be staggered arrival and dismissal times?

No

Will pictures of classroom set-ups and the cafeteria be shared with parents prior to school opening?

Yes

What is a cohort? Is a class considered one cohort?

A cohort is a self-contained, pre-assigned group of students with reasonable size limits. Yes, a homeroom is considered a cohort.

Will there be any virtual sessions with parents prior to reopening?

Yes, more details coming soon.

What time is Nursery drop off?

Regular drop off is at 8:30 AM and early drop off is available at 7:40 AM.

Will the remote learning choice be fully interactive?

Yes, students choosing the remote option will have the opportunity to see, hear, and interact with their teacher. They will also be able to what is annotated on their screen. We will continue to utilize Zoom.

Is there a remote learning option for Nursery and Pre-K?

No. Socialization is paramount for Nursery and Pre-K children therefore students need to be present in school for that to take place. Remote learning will only be available if a Nursery or Pre-K class/cohort needs to quarantine for 14 days OR the State requires that we return to remote learning for all.

Can students use lanyards to hold their mask during mask breaks?

Yes, students are permitted to use lanyards to hold their mask safely.

How many extra masks should a student bring to school?

They should bring enough to get through the day. St. Aidan School will have additional masks available if necessary.

What does it mean that a teacher will have a six-foot barrier?

There will be six feet of space designated in every K-8 classroom for the teacher. There will NOT be an actual structure between the teacher and students. All teachers will wear masks.

Will teachers remove their masks during the day while teaching?

No. Teachers will be creative with lessons that require seeing their mouth using videos, clear masks, etc.

Early childhood students may put toys in their mouth. How will this be addressed?

Teachers and teacher assistants will restrict the amount of toys being used at a given time to enforce proper use. If something should go near a child's mouth, it will be removed from use and cleaned/sanitized before returning.

What measures are being taken to improve air quality/circulation in the gym?

Windows and doors will be open at all times and floor fans and/or box fans will be utilized in all rooms, including the gym. Physical education classes will take place outside whenever possible.

Why aren't student desks being placed six feet apart?

If all desks were placed six feet in every classroom, only about 10 students would be permitted. In an effort to welcome our school back at 100% capacity, we have taken great lengths to provide the safest environment by doing the following:

1. Removing all non-essential furniture and materials from the room.
2. Requiring teacher and students to wear masks at all times.
3. Spacing desks as far from one another as possible (depending on the classroom and number of students, desks are anywhere from approximately 3-5 feet apart).
4. Windows and doors will remain open in classrooms.

What will mask breaks look like?

Everyone will be provided mask breaks during lunch in the cafeteria. Additional mask breaks will be given to students utilizing our outdoor property. If a child needs a mask break when one of these times are not taking place, they will be asked to step into the hallway to maintain six feet, and remove their mask.

Will children in the younger grades be monitored for strict handwashing?

Yes, to the best of our ability. Monitors will be assigned to all bathrooms to enforce occupancy and remind students to wash their hands. In addition, there will be age appropriate signage in all bathrooms. As always, we ask parents to review these techniques with your child at home.

Will Enrichment Classes be held at this time?

No.

What is the plan for Special Education Services, Speech, OT, PT, etc?

We are waiting for information from the school district and individual providers regarding these services. If the service is able to take place in person, we will subject all visitors to the building to our health screening and provide a space, to the best of our ability, for the session to take place. The individual districts and/or agencies will contact us regarding these services. We will do our best to have them take place in person whenever feasible providing a safe environment for all.

Will we be notified if there is a positive COVID-19 case in the school?