



Hello Christ the King parents and students,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and staying safe! We want to thank you, on behalf of the Christ the King staff, for your continued support and partnership over the past four months during this crazy time. We were able to provide an exceptional educational experience given the circumstances because of the perseverance by our students, families, and staff.

We want to share with you our commitment we are making for the upcoming school year as well as update you on what we have been doing to prepare. We plan to start the school year with students in the classrooms following the original school calendar and we will do so while taking every precaution to ensure student safety. We will also listen to and respect individual family decisions and make sure we provide opportunities for every student to have an outstanding learning experience. The safety and well-being of students will be a driving force in every decision we make.

We have created a COVID-19 plan in collaboration with the Diocese of Des Moines as well as the Iowa Department of Education. This plan that we have created includes three primary phases. The first phase is traditional learning with new safety measures, the second phase is 100% online learning, and the third phase is the hybrid model. The hybrid model is some sort of combination of the first two phases which are the traditional classroom model and virtual learning. We will be ready and prepared to execute each of the three phases depending on current needs and state guidelines when the school year starts. We will also be prepared to be flexible and understand that we may need to switch between models at some point this fall.

To make our ideal learning format possible, which is the “in classroom” instruction, all of us: the staff, students, and parents will have a shared responsibility to follow best practices in regards to helping mitigate the spread of illness. We will be implementing strict new protocols with cleaning, student entry, classroom structure, and other logistics of the school day, and we will continue to rely on the expertise and guidance of our public health officials.

As we stated, our priority and goal is to welcome students into the building this August, and this is because we understand the value of face-to-face interaction for academic improvement, an enhanced faith experience, and social emotional growth and stability. Our students at Christ the King are our priority, and we are confident we are prepared to deliver an excellent education in the coming school year.

We look forward to sharing more with you soon as the reality of the situation becomes more concrete, and we will continue to pray for all of you. We also ask you to keep us in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our decisions.

God bless and we will see you soon.

Mr. Daniel Thole  
Principal

Mrs. Becky Beneke  
Assistant Principal

## FAQs

“When will we know more?” -- We hope to know more by the middle of July and plan to send families and students more detailed information about the return to school.

“Will our children be wearing masks? Will they be taking temperatures?” -- At this time, we are weighing the pros and cons of all options we are presented with. This is a very important part of our greater conversation regarding student safety.

“Who is making these decisions?” -- We have put together a team of stakeholders from Christ the King to help with our Return to Learn plan. We are also working with diocesan Catholic schools to ensure we are making decisions together and in line with the guidance we are receiving. You will be hearing a unified message from all Catholic schools in Des Moines because we value the importance of working together during this time.



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by blending Catholic values and  
discipline into quality academic  
education.