



## Frequent Q&A

**Q: When will my child have the option of switching from remote attendance to attending in-person?**

A: Families will be able to move from remote to in-face attendance at every quarter mark.

**Q: How long will remote attendance be offered at the school?**

A: The option to continue attending school remotely will be available through the remainder of the pandemic. It would be premature for us to determine an end date to our remote attendance program. As things improve in the community due to lower community spread, vaccination, or a combination of factors, we will evaluate the program and begin planning for a full return to school. I will communicate with families as soon as we begin to consider transitioning everyone back to in-person school and keep you informed of the process.

**Q: Can you better describe how remote learning attendance will work? I am worried my child will be in front of the computer for 8 hours a day.**

A: Synchronous learning allows for students to be connected the classroom in real-time. Our remote learners will be following the same schedule as their in-person peers. Students will attend PE, Art, Music and Computer at the same time as their peers. They will break for lunch and recess at the same times as well. While in class remote learners will receive the same interactive lesson cycle that the in-person student is receiving. When the teacher does direct instruction all learners will be expected to be attentive to the teacher. When the teacher moves on to independent practice all children will have the opportunity to work independently. Teacher are developing lessons that will include collaboration for students attending school in both modalities. Students at home will be expected to collaborate with other remote student or in-person students. Children at home will be connected to the classroom for several hours but this does not mean that the child will be sitting down, facing the screen and inactively watching what is happening in the classroom.

**Q: How can I best support my child who will be attending school remotely?**

A: Set your child for success by establishing clear daily routines so that your child is awake and ready to learn at the beginning of the school day. Create a learning space, free from distractions, where your student has all his/her materials, books and notebooks so they do not have to step away from the virtual classroom to find supplies. Set a timer for your child when he or she is taking lunch or recess breaks. Set the timer to go off a few minutes before it is time to sit back down for class so your child also has time to mentally transition from play to work.

**Q: How will recess be managed and schedule during the school day?**

A: We have arranged our schedule so that our students can continue having recess. Student will remain in their homeroom groups while at recess. We have embedded more recess times for our younger students and we are encouraging teachers to use our ample outdoors to conduct classes when appropriate.

**Q: Will the students be able to participate in PE?**

A: Lower school students will attend PE three times a week while our middle school students will attend PE every other day. We will not be allowing students to change into their PE uniforms. They will do PE in the clothes they come to school.

**Q: What is the temperature threshold for allowing students to enter the school?**

A: Our temperature threshold is 100.0, following the Catholic Schools Office recommendation.

**Q: What type of masks will teachers be in?**

A: Teachers will wear the masks that are most comfortable for them. I have gotten clear masks for younger grades as lip movement is essential in language development. We also have shields available for teachers to use when they are 6 feet apart from their students.

**Q: Will masks be required while kids are at recess?**

A: Yes, we will require mask use at all times while on campus, with the exception of lunch.

**Q: Will the playground equipment be accessible to students during recess?**

A: Yes. Playground structures and equipment will be on a rotation so that we have time to sanitize these between use.

**Q: What if my child presents symptoms found on the COVID-19 symptoms list but are related to other illnesses or conditions?**

A: A child will be evaluated by the nurse if the student presents symptoms out of the norm for him/her. If the nurse determines that the child need to be picked up, parents must pick the student up immediately. The child can only return to school after having quarantined for 14 days OR received a doctor's note with a COVID-19 free diagnosis.

**Q: How is handwashing, sanitation and cleaning going to be instilled and monitored between students?**

A. Setting and implementing these procedures for students is an essential part of transitioning back to school. Every entrance to buildings, classrooms, bathrooms, offices, or general space on campus will have a hand sanitizer station or a hand washing station. Teachers will set times for students to wash hands or sanitize when transitioning activities. Students will have to sanitize hands when entering and leaving any designated area. This is how we will conduct business as a school and this will be the expectation for adults and students. We encourage you to practice these important personal hygiene and sanitation practices at home with your children as they prepare to return to school.

**Q: Are the school classrooms going to continue being used for catholic education on Sundays?**

A: CCE classes will not be in-person until further notice.

**Q: When students are sick or must quarantine for 2 weeks at home, will they be allowed to access the virtual learning platform, so they do not fall behind?**

A: Absolutely. Through synchronous learning, our hope is that students can pick up right where they left off at home or at school. While in quarantine, the students will have to follow the remote learning guidelines and complete the attendance question every day so we can mark him/her present. Should the student be sick and unable to attend class, parents need to notify the office so that we know that the work will not be completed that day. Our younger learners, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and below, will be doing asynchronous learning. The teacher in these classes will provide the needed materials for students who must stay home due to health concern measures.