



Frequently Asked Questions For Parents

Daily Routine

QUESTION: Where will students have breakfast and lunch?

- Students will eat in their classrooms for breakfast and lunch. This year breakfast and lunch will be free for all students.

QUESTION: Will students have Resource classes?

- Yes. All elementary students will participate in Resource classes. The Resource teachers will travel to the classrooms to provide Resource instruction.
- Students participating in the virtual academy will also receive Resource instruction. They will complete choice boards on a weekly basis.

QUESTION: What will bathroom breaks look like?

- We will schedule bathroom breaks for the group bathrooms. Students will also be able to go at other times if needed.
- Students should use hand sanitizer before entering the bathroom, wash their hands in the bathroom, and use hand sanitizer again when leaving the bathroom. Hand sanitizer pumps will be located outside the bathroom.

QUESTION: Can students go out for recess?

- Yes. Each class will have recess on their own. We have created zones for recess and a schedule teachers will use. We have purchased equipment (balls, etc) for each class to have a recess kit. Students should wash hands before and after recess. Students can throw/catch balls, etc.

QUESTION: How do parents pick their child up early from school?

- Parents will call the office from the parking lot or ring the bell outside. We will call students to the office and take them outside to their parent.

QUESTION: Will parents be able to have lunch with students this year?

- In Phases 2 and 3, parents will not be allowed to have lunch with students.

QUESTION: Do teachers have to wear face coverings?

- Teachers will be required to wear face coverings in the classroom/school building when six-feet of social distancing cannot be maintained (Examples include during small groups, when traveling in the hallway, when visiting the Main Office, teacher workrooms, all shared spaces, etc.) Staff should also wear their face coverings anytime they enter/exit the school building.
- All staff will be provided with cloth face masks and a face shield. .

QUESTION: Do students have to wear masks?

- Students will be expected to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained (on the bus and on all other LCPS Transportation vehicles, when entering or leaving buildings, transitions between classes, etc). Per LCPS guidelines, masks are required to be worn at all times on the school bus. Additionally, in order to participate in the Blended Learning model, students must wear a face-covering if social distancing cannot be maintained in the school building. Failure to do so will result in reassignment to LCPS Virtual Academy full-time.
- Based on the staggered, alternating schedule LCPS is utilizing for the 2020-2021 school year, we anticipate that students/teachers will be able to social distance for a majority of the school day. LCPS will also be providing instructional videos and guidance for students and families on how to properly wear face coverings.

QUESTION: Will students have to bring in individual snacks?

- Yes, students will need to bring in their own snacks. Teachers will have pre-packaged snacks available if a student does not have a snack. Parents cannot send in food for the whole class.
- Parents are encouraged to send in a snack daily with their students.

QUESTION: What cleaning protocol will there be in the classrooms?

- Every classroom will have a hand sanitizer dispenser near their door. Each teacher will receive a bottle to refill it.
- Each teacher will receive a spray bottle of solution to use after every small group. Teachers will spray the solution and use a rag to wipe the table and stools/chairs before the next group can begin.

QUESTION: Will students have their temperature taken each morning?

- Yes, students will have their temperature taken by a touchless thermometer when they exit the bus or car each morning.
- If a child's temperature registers 100.4 or greater, he or she will see Nurse Barlow for additional screening.

QUESTION: How will arrival and student drop-off work?

- Parents who transport their children to school by car will be assigned arrival times based on a staggered schedule. The families with a blue hang tag should arrive beginning at 7:45 AM, and the families with a yellow hang tag should arrive beginning at 8:00 AM. Parents will enter the parking lot from the entrance by the tennis court. Once the car reaches the front of the building, a staff member will help the student(s) exit the vehicle and complete a quick health screening, which includes taking their temperature with a touchless thermometer. Parents should not pull away until the health screening has been completed. There will be extra adults in the halls to help guide students to where they need to go.

QUESTION: How will dismissal and student pick-up work?

- Parents who pick their children up from school by car will also be assigned dismissal times based on a staggered schedule. The families with a blue hang tag should arrive beginning at 2:45 PM, and the families with a yellow hang tag should arrive beginning at 3:00 PM. Parents will enter the parking lot from the entrance by the tennis court. Once the car reaches the front of the building, a staff member will assist the child with entering the vehicle. Parents will be asked to not pull away until directed to do so by a staff member.

QUESTION: How will bus passes work this year?

- If a parent is requesting a bus change for the day, the note will be brought to the office in the morning or a phone call should be made before 12:00 pm. However, approval of transportation requests will be subject to bus occupancy and social distancing measures.

Nurse & Clinic

QUESTION: What will staff do if a student asks to see the nurse?

- Many common nurse visits can be handled in the classroom. Mrs. Barlow will go over these scenarios with teachers during our back to school week and will provide teachers with additional supplies to handle these situations.
- Scheduled medications will be brought to students by Mrs. Barlow.
- If a student does need to see the nurse, the teacher will call Mrs. Barlow, and she will go see the student in the classroom first and then take him or her to the clinic if necessary.

Instruction

QUESTION: Does all of the at-home work have to be done virtually or, can teachers send home assignments for the week?

- "Offline" work can be sent home as well. For either online or offline work, teachers will send clear directions for the adult helpers to follow.

QUESTION: When will students have time to download work?

- There will be a staggered arrival and dismissal time, which will mean that students will gradually enter the classroom and gradually leave for the day. This will be an ideal time to download material for the next day.
- Traditional assignments (not using a device) can also be sent home for at-home learning days.

QUESTION: What do office hours mean? Available by phone? Email? In the classroom?

- During office hours, teachers will be in their classrooms and will be available by phone or email. Parents who call will either reach teachers right away or will receive a call/email back within a few minutes.

QUESTION: How many virtual hours over the 3 days are recommended for the students who attend A/B school (Blended Model)?

- 2-2.5 hours per day

QUESTION: Will teachers be able to take their students outside to learn?

- Yes. We are creating additional spaces for outdoor learning so teachers can take their classes outside.

Classroom Setup

QUESTION: How many students can be at a small group table?

- Three students can sit at a small group table with a plastic shield that teachers will have available. Teachers and students will need to wear a mask or face shield since they will be within 6 feet of each other.

QUESTION: What will students do about using manipulatives?

- Teachers will create individual manipulatives for students so they don't have to share.

QUESTION: Will classroom libraries be allowed?

- Yes – American Library Association recommends that books “rest” for 24 hours before being used by another student

Virtual Learning

QUESTION: While students are taking chromebooks back and forth between home and school, how will forgotten chromebooks/chargers be handled?

- We will have a limited number of spares at school. If a student loses a chromebook/iPad or charger, the family will have to pay for the device. There is an optional Protection Plan for the Equipment for a non-refundable payment of \$20.00. *Lost or stolen chargers are not covered by the protection plan.

QUESTION: Where can students find free internet to complete assignments?

- LCPS provides internet through our Wireless on Wheel units at 22 locations, and LCPS also provides internet access to the parking lots at all six school campuses. [Click here to access a map of WOW/free internet access sites.](#)

COVID-19

QUESTION: What will happen if someone in the school comes down with the virus?

- If someone in our school has a positive test for COVID-19, we will notify the Thomas Jefferson Health district and follow their guidance. This may vary based on the variables of each positive case.

QUESTION: Will there be daily temperature checks for students and staff?

- Yes, all students and staff will have their temperature checked each day when they arrive at school.

QUESTION: What PPE will be provided (if any) to staff and students?

- Three cloth masks will be provided to all staff and students.
- There will be clear dividers for use at small group tables, as well.

QUESTION: What supplies will be given to help make sure our classrooms stay clean?

- Hospital grade disinfectant will be provided to all teachers.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be in each classroom and outside all bathrooms.

QUESTION: What other safety measures are in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19?

- Custodians will thoroughly clean, sanitize, and disinfect all classrooms each day per the guidelines provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Thomas Jefferson Health District. The same thing will take place with all TES buses.
- TES will provide face coverings for students and staff to use when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- TES has added signage and floor markings that encourage and help facilitate social distancing.
- Bottle-filling retrofits have been installed on water fountains to avoid use of the water spout.

QUESTION: Will students be able to bring their own face covering?

- Yes. Students can bring their own face covering, but the face covering must be school-appropriate and not disrupt the learning environment. Bandanas are not permitted.

Miscellaneous

QUESTION: Will teachers be able to use volunteers? In the classroom or virtually?

- Volunteers will not be allowed in the building at this time. However, teachers could ask volunteers to do things at home to help.

QUESTION: How will fire drills, lock down drills, and tornado drills take place?

- These drills will still take place and all students will practice all drills. We are developing a plan to do only a few classes at a time in order to follow social distancing guidelines.

QUESTION: How will TES distribute students' devices?

- Students will receive their devices at Open House. They will need to complete an Equipment Use Agreement form, and the teacher will walk the families through logging in to their device. Families will receive information on how to care for their device as well as a hotline number they can call from home with any questions.

QUESTION: Can food be sent in for parties and students' birthdays?

- This year outside food will NOT be allowed for parties and birthdays; however, the cafeteria staff will make cupcakes that parents can purchase and then send to their child's class. Contact the cafeteria manager for more information.

[For more information, please see Louisa County's FAQ page. There is also a link to add additional questions.](#)