

**Walsingham Elementary COVID-19 Student and Family  
Information  
2020-2021**



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To educate and prepare each student for college, career and life.

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# Classroom Environments

## What will the classroom environment look like?

- Student desks are socially distanced and non-essential furniture has been removed.
- Environments will be positive and welcoming.
- Resources will be available for students at a capacity that allows for social distancing.
- Technology integration will be utilized.

## Will my student need to wear a mask?

- Yes, teachers and students will be expected to wear masks at all times.
- Teachers will support mask breaks when appropriate and safe.
- Teachers will explicitly teach and reinforce mask etiquette.

## Will my student be able to wash and/or sanitize their hands?

- Yes, students will have access to locations to wash and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

## What will teaching and learning look like for my student?

- Students will be able to use classroom resources, these will be rotated out and cleaned as needed.
- Within the implementation of social distancing teachers will provide meaningful and engaging standards based lessons that support student achievement and social emotional growth.
- Student collaboration will continue as it's a fundamental part of learning and social/emotional growth.
- Classroom movement will be lessened, but monitoring for understanding will continue as an important part of the learning process.

# PPE/Campus Resources

## Mask Etiquette:

- Masks are to be worn at all times.
- Mask Breaks:
  - Students can take masks off and put their heads down so they can breathe downward rather than out.
  - Can occur if students are outside and students can safely distance following teacher guidance.

- Teachers can schedule mask breaks to support classroom needs.
- Parent contact will be made to support a student who is struggling with wearing a mask.
- Students who refuse to wear a mask may be assigned to an alternative instructional option.
- There are times a self-regulated mask break is in order. Students will be taught if while in class, they need a 30 second reprieve from the mask that they can appropriately pull it down and then put it back on.
- When in close proximity, working in a group, large crowds, moving through the hallways, the masks should remain on.
- Reminders, signage, and practice for mask usage will be clearly articulated and demonstrated.

### **Water Access**

- We have had a donation drive for Amazon Water Bottles. Bottles will be clearly labeled by the teacher. Students are welcome to bring their own water bottle if they choose.
- A water bottle filling station is located at the water fountain on the east side of the cafeteria.

### **Hand sanitizer**

- All classrooms will be provided hand sanitizer. Families may also donate sanitizer to support classrooms and common areas.
- Students may have individual hand sanitizers and will be expected to use them appropriately.

### **Hand washing**

- Sinks and hand washing stations (sanitizer) will be located in classrooms and across the campus for increased access.
- Teachers will take time to teach handwashing skills. This can also be supported by families at home.
- Time will be provided for students to wash/sanitize hands throughout the school day.

### **Clinic/Sick Room**

- Walsingham will have a designated location for the clinic for traditional care and a location for students who are experience Covid-19 symptoms.

# Student Arrival

## ***Morning Arrival Processes:***

- All students must have their mask on when they arrive on campus at the bus circle or car circle.
- Only school staff should be on campus. Parents, volunteers, and mentors are not permitted on campus during arrival.
- Students are permitted on campus 30 minutes before the beginning of school. It is imperative that all families respect this request.
- Arrival time 7:10am for breakfast. The first Week breakfast will be delivered to all classrooms, so students may go straight to their classrooms. Adults will be stationed throughout the school to assist with this process.

## **Entry Locations:**

- **Pre-K Gate:**
  - **Pre-K Students:** PreK parents will be greeted at the car circle and Amber Hamilton will have the sign in book to sign all students in. Please remain in your vehicle. Prior to school each family will be given the opportunity for a meet and greet to see the classroom and meet the teacher. All other students will enter through the car circle gate using social distancing protocol and report to their classrooms.
- **Kindergarten:**
  - Students will enter gate at their car drop off spot, stop at the cafeteria for breakfast, if needed (after the first 5 days) and go directly to their classroom. Adults will assist throughout the school.
  - Prior to school each family will be given the opportunity for a meet and greet to see the classroom and meet the teacher.
  - All adults **MUST** remain in their vehicle while in the car circle.
  - Kindergarten students must exit the car with a mask on and keep it on until they enter the classroom.
  - Bus Riders will exit the bus, enter through the double doors, social distance protocol and report to class. IVE/ACCESS students and Pre-K students will get breakfast in the classroom. Gen. Ed. kindergarten students who ride the bus will stop at the cafeteria if needed and go to class.
  - Kindergarten Students who walk: Kindergarten students will enter the car circle gate and head to the cafeteria for breakfast (after the first 5 days). When they finish eating, they will walk down kindergarten row to their classrooms. Teachers

will be practicing this with them the first week. Adults will be stationed throughout the school to assist with this process.

- **Bike Rack: (walkers and bike riders)**
  - Students will maintain social distancing protocols in the bike rack. Students will report to breakfast. Grades K-3, report to the cafeteria. Grades 4-5 will report to the “Under the Oaks” area. ***The first week when breakfast is delivered to the classrooms***, all teachers will show them where to go and where to sit that first week.
- **Main Car Circle**
  - **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Circle (main)- Students must have a mask on before exiting the vehicle each day. Students cannot enter the buildings without their masks.** There will be a parent drive-through day for traditional parents to pick up their set of masks. Students may use their own personal masks if they prefer. Students will proceed down the hallway with their assigned car circle teacher using social distance protocol and go directly to the K-3 Cafeteria, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast “Under the Oaks” area, or classroom. (Rainy days- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast will be delivered to the classroom)

## Breakfast

- **Breakfast Distribution Locations:**
  - First week of school: All breakfasts are delivered to the classrooms.**
  - K-3 students will eat in the cafeteria after the first week of school. (Breakfast will be delivered to all students the first week of school only)**
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will eat in the “Under the Oaks” area of the school. Rainy days, breakfast will be delivered to the classrooms.**
  - PreK and IVE will eat in the classrooms.**
  - Students will be directed to get a “Grab and Go” breakfast at all serving locations (cafeteria and breakfast carts).
  - Students will be directed to report directly to their classroom after eating breakfast once the bell has rung.
  - Masks will remain on until students begin eating. They will put them back on once they are finished eating.
  - Classrooms will open for students at 7:25 a.m.
  - Students should NOT be seated outside of the classroom door before 7:25 a.m.

### **What if students arrive at school prior to 7:10 a.m.?**

- The parents of students who are observed arriving at school prior to 7:10a.m. will be contacted by an administrator to provide additional resources if needed, and/or to be informed of our safety protocols.

### **Will students get breakfast if they are tardy?**

- Yes, students will receive a “Grab and Go” breakfast to take directly to their classroom.
- If a student arrives past 8:00 a.m. breakfast may not be available.

## Transitions, Recess

### **HALLWAY TRANSITIONS**

- Students should walk in line 6 feet apart to the best of their ability under teacher direction.
- Signage will be present in hallways to support social distancing and students will be explicitly taught these expectations by their classroom teacher.
- Teachers should designate a line leader and train them to lead the class while the classroom teacher walks at the end of the line to monitor that social distancing is being met.
- All students are wearing masks during **all transition times**.
- Carpet dots are located in all hallways throughout the school. If classes come to a stop, they all stand on a dot. All dots they follow in line are 6 feet apart.

Teach the **WALK** acronym:

**W:** Wear your Mask

**A:** Arms Apart

**L:** Look and Listen

**K:** Keep 6 Feet Apart



### **RECESS**

- Students can use recess as time to get fresh air, experience a mask break, and maintain social distancing while having their recess time.

- Students will have lanyards for their masks and should maintain wearing their lanyards while at recess. Teachers will teach recess guidelines for personal space during recess and it is the expectation that students follow these guidelines during recess.

### Media Center

- A plan will be created to support checking out books to support literacy.

## Lunch & The Cafeteria Plan

### Cafeteria

- The cafeteria and the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) are now combined and set up so that students can eat while maintaining social distancing.
- A rotating schedule will be so that all students will have access to both areas for lunch on an alternating basis.
- Students will not wear masks while eating, but will have mask lanyards on so that masks are readily available.
- Students will be provided the lunch options that have been outlined by the county.
- Lunch will be served through the existing serving lines and mobile carts will be used when feasible.
- PreK and self-contained classrooms will have lunches delivered to their classrooms.
- Students will be seated 6 feet apart with plexiglass separating them from students seated across from them.

### Lunch

All lunches will be pre-packaged and available via a bag, clamshell box or a wrapped serving plate. Students will have a choice of:

- a hot entrée, cold sandwich, peanut butter and jelly, or an entrée salad
- choice of milk flavor
- fruit and vegetable

## Student Dismissal

### *How will students be dismissed?*

- All students are expected to use social distancing, wear masks and follow adult directions during dismissal.
- There will be a staggered dismissal process to ensure social distancing and limit foot traffic through the hallways: **Each grade is dismissed separately with 2 minutes in between each grade level. We are starting early so all are dismissed by 1:45pm.**

- Upon dismissal teachers will walk their students in line to their designated location maintaining social distancing measures.

**Pre-K:**

Students remain in classrooms and are walked to the PreK gate by a staff member and delivered to the parent/guardian.

All PreK staff are working together to dismiss students. Signage will be posted at the PreK walking gate.

**Kindergarten:**

Walkers: Sit in the front of the school on a dot. This area is not for those who want to avoid the car line. This is for true walkers. Parents must stand outside the coned area for walkers.

Bus and Van Riders: Sit, using social distancing, on dots located in the bus hallway.

Kindergarten Car Riders: All Kindergarten car riders will be picked up at the PreK gate and use the PreK loop to exit the campus. Siblings of kindergarteners will sit on dots in front of the PreK building. Kindergarteners will wait inside classrooms at their desks, teachers have a radio and listen for names to be called by PreK at the PreK gate. Kindergarteners will be directed by Mrs. Coleman from the Kindergarten classroom to the PreK gate for dismissal.

**Grades 1-5:****Bus Riders/Van Riders:**

Walk out regular exit and head straight to bus circle utilizing social distancing

**Walkers:**

Walkers are to exit quickly using social distancing. Students should exit campus immediately. Car circle parents must wait in the car line for their child and not use this area as a “walker”. This area is coned off and very small with only a few dots. It’s for true walkers only.

**Car Riders**

1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade will sit on dots in the car circle area.

4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade: will stand on the mulch socially distanced

**Please ensure your child’s teacher knows each day how your child is getting home. We also need the white card with emergency phone numbers and those who are permitted to pick up your child. All first day packet information and cards will be given hard copy to all traditional students. Please visit the school website and the PTA Facebook page for frequent updates.**