

Thursday August 20th, 2020 at 1:30PM  
Parent Forum/ SLT Minutes

## Updates to School Reopening with Ms. Marshall

### Connect with our School:

- School Website: <https://www.psis45khoraceegreeneschool.org/>
- School Twitter: [https://twitter.com/ps\\_greene](https://twitter.com/ps_greene)
- School Communication App (Coming Soon!): <https://www.remind.com/families>

Questions/Concerns?

Email Ms. Jakes at [ljakes@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ljakes@schools.nyc.gov) OR call the school at (718) 642-5360 for more information and assistance.

## Important Action Items:

### 1. Learning Preferences Survey:

Please take time to choose which learning preference you have for your child.

- You have the option to choose between only remote learning OR Blended Learning.
- If this form is not completed, your student will be opted into the Blended Learning Program.

<https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>

### 2. Update Parent Contact Information:

Please fill out this form for updates regarding 2020-2021 Reopening Plans directly by our school.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tyxJGEXvYUWFCqxC5fesBxT1gpdUT0xDu956Kiq-R4FUODY5WFZITBNTUwxTIRQVFhLNFdTVVJHQ S4u>

### 3. Request Learning Device:

<https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/remotelearningdevices>

\*NOTE: Unless you intend to switch schools or don't require the device, you can return it to the school. Otherwise, your child can continue to use the DOE tablet for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

### 4. Additional Childcare support:

Learning Bridges is a NEW child care program for children from 3-K through 8th grade this fall for days when they are not in school buildings.

Please fill out the survey if you are interested:

[https://prek4all.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ac4kZNaI Maixbc9](https://prek4all.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ac4kZNaI Maixbc9)

For more information about Learning Bridges:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/learning-bridges>

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. When are schools reopening?

Though this is an unofficial announcement date, NYC Public Schools are working to reopen by September 10th, 2020.

The Department of Education (DOE) is also still working on the official school calendar. Further notice regarding holidays and breaks will be provided on the Infohub or our school website.

### 2. How have we prepared the school reopening?

Thankfully, our custodial staff have been preparing for months. Our classroom desks will be physically distant 6 feet. Each classroom has been reviewed for ventilation and other safety guidelines to ensure safe air flow. We also are listed to receive air conditioning. Our offices will also have clear shields installed. The Department of Education has also provided all materials, including diluted bleach and other appropriate cleaning supplies used to sanitize all surfaces and common areas.

Additionally, all staff members have to be tested before they physically return to school. The city will prioritize free rapid COVID-19 testing for DOE staff and medical professionals.

For more information about Health and Safety, visit:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

### 3. Do our children have to get tested before going back to school?

Families have the prioritized option to choose testing their child for COVID-19 before returning to school. Mobile units are also available for testing. Students are able to get tested at any of the city's free testing sites, which operate 7 days a week, or with their primary physician.

Though it is up to parent discretion if you want your child to be tested for COVID-19, the Department of Health recommends everyone to be tested whether symptoms are present or not.

List of Free Testing Sites:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-update/covid-testing-sites>

### 4. How often are our students wearing masks?

Going back to school on September 10th, students must wear masks throughout the day. Exceptions may apply depending on conditional medical or behavioral reasons.

Within the school building, the only time students may remove masks is during lunch time. The DOE will be providing all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitizer, and cleaning equipment for our school and students. There will be a variety of sizes available. Additionally, the Chancellor says that students can wear their own masks to school.

### 5. What is the update on our School Model selection?

Over the summer, our school was deciding between Model 1A vs Model 1B.

**Model 1A** would have students in Cohort A and B at school in person every other day.

**Model 1B** would have students in both cohorts physically in the building for mainly two days a week.

At the conclusion of the previous forums, our school has selected and has been approved for Model 1A.

#### Model 1A

|      | Mon.             | Tues.   | Wed.    | Thurs.  | Fri.    |
|------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Week | Group D (Remote) |         |         |         |         |
| 1    | Group A          | Group A | Group B | Group A | Group B |
| 2    | Group B          | Group A | Group B | Group A | Group B |

Why Model 1A?

Model 1A allows our students to work remotely less throughout the week compared to Model 1B that has students learning remotely most of the week.

## 6. Which group or cohort will my child be in?

You will be notified by August 26th the latest, through email or mailed letters, which cohort your child will be in for the upcoming school year. Siblings will be together, regardless of which school building they are in (Annex, Main Building).

Busing will also be in consideration with similar routes, fewer children on each bus, and socially distant procedures. Buses will also be equipped with wall decals for safety tip reminders.

## 7. What if I want to switch my child's learning preference now? Or want to change my mind later?

The learning preferences survey is still open! This survey programs your child to be in either 100% Remote Learning or Blended Learning.

If this survey is not filled out, your child will automatically be in blended learning.

<https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>

If you plan to change your child's learning preference before classes start (or 9/10/20), the best thing we recommend for you is to update your child's learning preference on the linked survey above.

The next opportunity to change your learning preference is November 2020.

Four times a year, the school will provide families an option to switch their child into blended learning or fully remote learning due to the family's commitments or accommodations.

For assurance, you can also email Ms. Marshall directly to manually have your child moved to back or to 100% remote learning. [NMarshall@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NMarshall@schools.nyc.gov)

## 8. What happens if a student shows up with symptoms?

There are two procedures right now for managing symptoms.

### 1) Before entering school: Self Checking

Students and Staff can self check for covid symptoms before entering the school building.

The DOE can provide thermometers for families to check their child's temperature. If anyone has a temperature greater than 100 degrees or has symptoms, they should stay home and self isolate for 2 weeks.

## 2) After entering school: Isolation Room

Our school will have a nurse on staff and a designated Isolation Room if a child shows symptoms at school. Parent/Guardian will be immediately contacted.

If guardians are unable to come to school/unavailable and an emergency situation occurs, we will act on the parent's behalf in the best interest of the child.

Children are not tested in the school but NYC has free testing centers.

If there is one positive case, the classroom will close for 2 weeks. If there is more than one positive case of COVID, the school will be closed.

For more information about Testing and Tracing, visit:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

## 9. How will class sizes change?

To maximize social distancing, we're not aiming to put more than 12 students in a classroom (Mandated maximum is 15 students). One group of 12 students will be a Cohort. All cohort sizes will be the same regardless of grade level.

Though the student population is reduced, classes that have ICT (Integrated Collaborative Teaching) teachers and paraprofessionals will still have the same number of adults in the classroom.

## 10. How will blended and remote learning look like this year?

**Blended Learning:** Taking into consideration what children are experiencing, we plan to begin and continue social emotional learning throughout the year to address the ongoing changes may affect students. All classrooms will be set up with 6 feet of distance between desks.

**Remote Learning:** There will be a structured schedule with a combination of live and independent learning. We will use parent communication apps to connect with families, as well as workshops to help transition parents to using these platforms.

Zoom, Google Meets are the main websites/apps we will use for live instruction.

Live video, or synchronous, instruction will look different depending on age group. Live video instruction should be delivered in short intervals around 15-20 consecutive minutes throughout the day for young learners, and can increase based on developmental appropriateness.

## 11. What is the grading policy for this year? Is there state testing?

Taking the blended learning model into account, the grading policy will be based on last year's adjusted scale. We're still working on the remote grading policy as a school and revising it to adapt to blended learning practices.

Classroom assessments will be the same for remote and blended learners. Though more information is to be determined, we anticipate state standardized testing for the end of the school year.

For specific grading scales and more, visit

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/announcements/contentdetails/2020/05/01/mayor-de-blasio-and-chancellor-carranza-announce-adjusted-k-12-citywide-grading-policy-for-2019-20-school-year>

## 12. What school supplies will we need this year? What if my child requires additional learning materials?

Majority of materials will be digital for students. With consideration to younger students, our school will provide baggies of material. If more materials are needed, we intend to distribute learning materials during daily breakfast/lunch distribution.

If you need a uniform, we're in the process of making uniform purchases contactless. Students will NOT be expected to wear the school uniform if learning remotely.

## 13. Bathrooms: How can students socially distance?

With exception to Annex and Kindergarten classes that have bathrooms in their classrooms, school aids will help ensure not more than 1 or 2 children in the communal bathrooms.

PPE will also be provided to the students and wall decals will be prevalent in shared spaces to remind students of proper hygiene tips.

## 13. What will arrival and dismissal procedures look like?

For both morning school arrival and dismissal, we plan to use the yard because there is more physical space to socially distance. We are considering multiple dismissal schedules to stagger classes to minimize potential exposure.

We understand that these times are also ideal for quick questions and correspondence. Though our school staff is always available for families, we encourage contact to staff this year through phone and video calls this year to minimize potential infections.

Please visit our school website or call the school to set up a meeting with the respective staff member! We will also have the Remind communication app for any immediate concerns/questions (coming in September 2020).

Updated information and schedule will be available on our school website.

<https://www.psis45khoraceegreeneschool.org/>

#### 14. Where can my child receive additional learning support? Will there be afterschool?

All our teachers will have afternoon office hours to support the child remotely or contact families. As of this time, there are no plans to open traditional after school programs this year because of health concerns of being in the physical building longer than necessary.