

Frequently Asked Questions

(All of the information can be found in the Marvin Elementary School Re-Opening Plan PowerPoint about the 2020 School year, but you may find it easier to view the questions (and responses) grouped by topic.

Arrival

1. What time does school start?
 - School “starts” at 8:00.
 - The doors for bus students open at 7:45.
 - Doors for K students will also open at 7:45.
 - Students in car will begin unloading at 8:00.
 - Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:30.

2. Will there be staggered entry?
 - See above regarding staggering.

3. Will children entering Kindergarten have a bus tag so school staff will know who their teacher is?
 - This year we will have bus monitors on all buses. Kindergarten students taking the bus to school will have a tag with their first name, their teacher’s name, and bus number on it.

4. Are we able to walk children to school?
 - Parents may walk their children to school.
 - Parents MUST wear a mask on school property.
 - Parents will not be able to walk children to their doors as they have done in the past
 - Parents will have to leave their child at the crosswalk. – We will paint a circle on the parent drop off area.
 - Staff will be available indoors and outdoors during entry and dismissal to help assist students get to their classrooms.

5. How will drop off work if you have a k student as well as a student in grades 1 – 5?
 - Upper grade students may walk with parents to their sibling’s classroom door.
 - After dropping off the Kindergarten student, the parent may then drop off the student at the walker circle – mentioned previously.

Dismissal

1. Will dismissal be staggered?

- Kindergarten students will be dismissed first. Parents MUST park in the parking lot and walk to the outside Kindergarten classroom door. Kindergarten dismissal will occur at 2:05.
 - Parents are to walk to the parking lot and leave the school grounds.
- At 2:10 we will begin to dismiss students going home by car in the order in which their car is lined up in the circle.
- At 2:20 Bus students and walkers will be dismissed.

2. What if my child walks?

- Please see above. It is requested that students who walk home have a letter on file in the office.

3. What if my child rides the bus?

- Please see above.
- Students will be seated on the bus based on their assigned seat.

4. What if my child is picked up by myself or someone else?

- I am assuming this question refers to picking up a car student.
 - All families picking students up will receive a “pick up tag” Families are asked to display the tag on their rearview mirror so it is easily seen by the adults assigned to dismissal.
 - It is important that family tags are displayed in the person’s car who REGULARLY picks up students. (If a family needs an additional tag because more than one parent {or another adult} shares in pick-up, a tag with the same number will be available.) Please let the office know of this need.
 - Please make sure your child’s teacher knows the name of the person picking up your child.

5. Where should I go to pick up my child?

- Kindergarten students will be picked-up in person at the kindergarten classroom door. Staff will be available to help parents find the correct door.
- All other parents will pick up their child using the pick-up car line.

6. What time will school end?

- While the official hours of school are 8:00 – 2:20 we must stagger both entry and dismissal.
 - Entry begins at 7:45 (beginning with bus students) and dismissal begins at 2:00 (beginning with Kindergarten students).
- See question **#1 Arrival**.

Medical Questions

1. Can the medical screening forms be completed on an app?

- Currently, the form is not available on an app.

2. Where do I get the medical screening form?

- Screening forms will be mailed with their child's assignment letter.
- Additional forms will be sent home on a weekly basis.

3. What if I forget to bring a form to school?

- Bus monitors will contact the office if a bus student does not have a medical form when they board the bus. (Parents will be contacted and asked the screening questions).
- Kindergarten teachers will have extra copies available and parents will have to fill the form out before student can enter the building.
- Students arriving by car must have their form in their hand as they exit the car. Anyone not having the form will be asked to pull up the cones at the front of the bus line to fill out a form that will be provided to them.
- Parents walking with students will be provided with a copy at the circle.
- If a student walks to school on their own and does not have a form, they will be directed to the office and parents will be called prior to the student enter the building.

4. Will staff or students be tested prior to the start of the school year?

- COVID testing of staff or students will not be required.

5. Will temperatures be taken upon arrival to school?

- At this time, temperatures are not being recommended by the CDC or the district.

6. Will children have to wear a mask all day?

- Masks will be worn all day. Students will be able to remove masks during breakfast, snack, and lunch.
- The PTA, in conjunction with the staff, have come up with a mask free, exercise path around the building.

7. What if my child has a cough or snuffle?

- If you child is sick, please keep, them home.
- If the health screener includes coughing and sneezing, your child should stay home.

8. If my child is home sick, can they participate in distant learning?

- I am waiting for a district decision regarding this question – we would like all elementary schools to follow the same protocol.

9. What if a staff member or student comes down with COVID?

- If a staff member or a student exhibits COVID – 19 Symptoms:
 - If individual tests negative – return to school once there is not symptoms for 24 hours.
 - If individual tests positive – remain at home, monitor symptoms, notify the school, stay in self isolation for 10 days since the onset of symptoms and 24 hours without a fever.
 - If individual is not tested – stay in self-isolation for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and 24 until 24 hours without a fever.

10. What happens if a child becomes sick in school?

- As she has done in the past, Mrs. McLean, our school nurse, will contact parents if a child becomes ill during the school day.

Cleaning

1. What are the cleaning procedures for the classrooms?

- Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each school day. The bathrooms will be cleaned at least three times a day.
- The custodians will maintain both district and CDC guidelines to ensure all students and staff are in a clean and safe school environment.

2. Will hand sanitizer be available?

- Hand sanitizer dispensers are available in all classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer used by the school has a safety sheet with all ingredients lists and is approved for use.

Curriculum/Academics

1. How many students are there in each class?

- Class sizes vary between 8 – 17.
 - Some classroom spaces are large enough for a whole class to fit. Other classes are divided in half and will be split into two learning spaces.

2. How will specials – Art, Music, PE, etc, be delivered?

- All specials will be delivered in person. Each special will be delivered in two week bands in order to limit exposure for staff members and students.

3. How will SpEd services be delivered?

- Special Education resource teachers will provide services in person.
- Related services (Social Worker, Speech and Language, Psychologist, OT/PT) will be delivered remotely.

4. Will there be opportunities for student learning time to take place outside to limit indoor exposure?

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5. Will distant learning students have interactions with the teacher as if they were in class?

- Students will be assigned to a classroom and they will be receiving the same instruction at the same as the students in the room.

6. What platform will remote students use?

- All classroom teachers will use a variety of platforms.
 - K and 1st grade students will use Seesaw.
 - 2nd – 5th grade students will use Google Classroom.

7. Can you switch from distant learning to in person learning or vice versa?

- Students may switch between the two types of learning. If a parent would like their child to go from in person to remote almost immediately.
- Students wanting to go from remote to in person will require a two-week notification.

8. How does GT work?

- At this time, the delivery of GT services have not been decided upon.

Dining

1. Is breakfast for all students?

- Both breakfast and lunch will be available for ALL students as Marvin now qualifies for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).
- There is NO cost for any meals this year.
- Parents will NOT have to complete a lunch application.

2. How will meals be served?

- Breakfast will be available on a cart in a grab and go style.
 - K students will have all meals delivered to them.
- NO snacks will be available as they have been in the past.
- Lunch carts will come to the students.

3. Can I pack my child's own lunch and snack?

- Parents may pack all students meals.

4. Where will the students be eating their meals?

- Meals will be eaten in the classroom.

Misc

1. Will we be able to drop off our children on the first day and meet the teachers?

- We are working on a plan for parents and students to meet their teachers prior to the first day of school.
- These visits will take place via zoom. Teachers will contact parents soon.
 - Teachers will schedule one meeting with in person students and a separate meeting for remote students after K – 2 laptops have been deployed to ensure all remote students are set up and will be ready to join classes on September 8th.

2. Can students bring in their own hand sanitizer?

- While hand sanitizer will be available, students may bring their own.
- The hand sanitizer provided by the school district is called _____. It is not on the recall list. Information regarding the hand sanitizer may be found here:

3. What supplies do we need to provide our students with?
 - All supplies for both remote and in person students will be supplied by the school.
 - As always, teachers would appreciate donations of tissues, paper towels, and baby wipes.
4. How will bathroom breaks work?
 - Students will be allowed in the bathroom one at a time.
 - This summer, Ms. Pankey and Ms. Reid taught our students to safely use the bathrooms. They will be asked to help again once school starts again. We will also rely on our Summer Academy students to help be role models.
5. Will there be mask breaks and what do those look like?
 - Mask breaks will occur during breakfast, snack, and lunch.
 - The PTA is working on creating a path around the building with obstacle course activities that will be set up 6 feet apart. Masks will not be worn on this mask-free zone.
6. Is there before and after care for students and how do I sign up?
 - Ms. Shanna Reid is in charge of the Marvin School Information After the Bell Program.
 - You can find the paperwork on the Carver website: at carvercenter.org.
 - Ms. Reid has already been in contact with former ATB families. You can contact her at reids@norwalkps.org.
7. What does recess look like?
 - Each classroom has been assigned a specific spot on school grounds for recess. Students must stay in their classroom cohorts for recess.
8. Are there any particular masks that the district recommends?
 - At this time, there is no one particular mask that is recommended. Please be sure to choose a mask your child is comfortable wearing.
 - If you have not already done so, please have your child begin to wear a mask for an extended length of time so he/she is used to wearing one regularly.
9. Should I send my student with more than one mask a day?
 - If you would feel more comfortable with your child having an “extra” mask, please be sure the mask is in a zipped up baggie to ensure that is clean until needed.
 - The school will have extra masks in case a mask breaks during the school day or a child or adult approaches school property without one.

I am sure more questions will come up. Please feel free to contact me via email. Also be sure to read all of the paperwork that will be included in your child's assignment letter that will be mailed out at the end of August. (All paperwork will also be posted on the Marvin School website at mes.norwalkps.org).