

Frequently asked questions from all school meeting 7/14/2020....

Are there certain masks required?

Yes, masks are required for all students. Students will wear a mask in the building and be required to have a second one that stays in the classroom. Sixth grade through eighth grade will be required to wear masks all day. Younger grades will be allowed to remove their masks when they are sitting at their desks. Any masks or face coverings must meet MCHD guidelines.

What if we are not ready to send our students back to school yet?

If you are uncomfortable sending your student back to school at this time please call to speak to Mr. Gawrys or email him at kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org. ELearning may be an option for your student.

Will students wear masks in the classroom? In the hallway?

In the classrooms, kindergarten through fifth grade, will be allowed to remove their masks at their desk. If they get up from their desk for any reason, they must put their mask back on. Sixth through eighth will be required to wear a mask all day, as required by Marion County Health Department. In the hallway all students will wear a mask. Teachers will have the flexibility to enforce more stringent guidelines in their classroom if they feel they are at risk.

Will they have to wear masks at recess?

Students will not be required to wear a mask at recess except if we have indoor recess.

Will middle schoolers get breaks?

Middle school students will be given mask breaks and will have built in recess times for this school year.

Will desks be 6 feet apart?

Desk will be 6 feet apart when possible, and will always be at least 3 feet apart, per Marion County Health Department recommendations.

How will lunch look?

This year we will divide our lunches more than previously, utilizing only one side of the cafeteria at a time, to allow for sanitization to happen on one side before the next group comes into the cafeteria.

How will specials look?

This year there will be a scheduled break between classes entering specials. This break will allow for our teachers to sanitize tables and equipment before the next group of students enter.

How will bathroom breaks work? How often will bathrooms be cleaned?

This year we will reduce the times a whole class on a bathroom break at the same time. We will send students individually or in small groups. Throughout the day bathrooms will be sprayed down to sanitize.

How will the school be deep cleaned?

At this time, we are still deciding what company we will hire to deep clean and sanitize the building. Depending on which company we select, we will then set up how often deep cleaning will occur, based on the company's recommendations.

How will classrooms be cleaned daily?

Classrooms will be cleaned daily in a couple of ways. First, our evening cleaning crew will clean the classroom. Second, before lunch each student's desk will be sprayed down and allowed to set while students go to eat lunch. After lunch, desks will be wiped down. High touch areas (doorknobs etc) will be cleaned throughout the day.

Will there be a back to school night?

Unfortunately, we will not have a back to school night this year. Please call with any questions you may have for this year. We are exploring other ways to welcome and inform families.

Will we check temperatures daily?

Students will have temperatures checked in their homeroom class daily or if symptoms arise during the day.

If my child has a fever?

If a child has a fever, the student will be sent to the sick bay, and parents will be notified. The child will need to be fever free for 72 hours before returning.

If we must go e-learning will it look the same as it did in the spring?

If we must go e-learning we will be prepared. Our one to one technology will be utilized in all grade levels to prepare students to use our online platform. Teachers will ensure students are comfortable with what would be required for e-learning. Requirements for students will be more rigorous to ensure they will still receive quality instruction.

What if a teacher tests positive?

If a teacher tests positive the Marion County Health Department will be notified, and the school will share whatever information we are legally allowed to share.

What if a student tests positive?

If a student tests positive the Marion County Health Department will be notified, and the school will share whatever information we are legally allowed to share.

If we participate e-learning how can we keep them engaged?

If your family chooses to participate in e-learning we will have a teacher assigned to work with your child's teachers and with you/your child to enable them to stay as caught up as possible.

Can we have recorded teacher lessons?

Teachers will provide recorded videos when possible to allow students the opportunity to view for extra support at home.

What happens if my child has a fever when they can come back to school?

Students cannot return to the school until they are fever free, without fever reducing medication, for 3 days (72 hours).

If my child has a health issue that keeps them from wearing a mask what do I do?

If your child has health issues prohibiting them from wearing a mask you must speak to Mr. Gawrys.

Is the dress code the same? What if for financial reasons we can not afford the dress code?

We will continue with our current dress code. If your family has a need for support, please visit our uniform exchange room. We will have dates in the next few weeks you can sign up to drop off gently used uniforms or select uniforms for your family. All are welcome. You can also contact Michelle Dunahee at mdunahee@littleflowerparish.org

Will equipment in the gym be wiped down after a student uses it?

In the gym, in art class, and in the classroom all equipment and shared materials will be wiped off or sanitized after each use.

What if we cannot afford school supplies?

If you cannot at this time afford school supplies, please reach out to Michelle Dunahee at mdunahee@littleflowerparish.org .

Will we try outdoor classes?

We will try to get all grades outside whenever possible for mask breaks and occasionally for lessons.

What about birthday treats?

At this time, we will not allow students to bring in treats for their birthdays. We will look at doing treats on a monthly basis to celebrate all student's birthdays for individual classes.

Can students still be out of uniform on their birthday?

Students will continue to be able to be out of uniform on their birthday.

What will dismissal look like?

Dismissal will look the same for parents in the parking lot however for our students we will dismiss them to the parking lot in a staggered format to avoid all students being in the hallway at the same time. Walkers will be released first. Please remember to be good neighbors to our community and do not park on Bosart or 13th street and have your child walk to you. We ask that students go immediately to their cars after exiting the building to avoid large gatherings in the dismissal area.

Are parents allowed to enter the building?

We love to have our parents in the building but, at this time we cannot. During the first week of school kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade parents may walk their students into the building but may not enter the classrooms. We understand how difficult this is, but we are trying to protect our whole Little Flower Family.

How do we meet with Lori?

This year we are asking all parents to email Lori at lfalk@littleflowerparish.org or call (317) 353-2282 to make an appointment. We apologize for this inconvenience..