

Parent F.A.Q. #2

Q: We are still not considering sending our daughter to the school foreseeing the COVID situation. We want to enroll our daughter for online learning. Can you please let us know how to get this done. Thanking you.

A: Please use the following link to declare if your student will be learning in-class or at home:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoq6Ujwmsu7TNgaAfzI2yPXy4aObLEhmP5iaGCa_UaYF4b5g/viewform

Q: What options would be offered online vs in person? Is there a cost reduction to online vs in person learning? If my child goes online will they have access to a teacher via zoom, etc if they do not understand a concept? Will online be a full year experience?

A: To ensure student safety, students will stay in their homeroom cohorts throughout the day when they are at school. Due to this, students will be offered the options of Art, Music and Drama throughout the year. Where there are 4 groups of students an additional option will be offered (ex. French, Leadership, Outdoor Pursuits). We will be programming to allow for fluidity between in-class and at-home learning for all students so that families are able to determine which of these options works best for them. For example, if a family chooses to begin the year with online learning, they will have the option to change to in-person learning at any point, provided they are able to complete the Daily COVID screening tool for their child. When students are at home they will be able to access learning assignments, assessments, and resources through Google Classroom. There will be teacher support offered during scheduled times throughout the week. However, this support will be significantly less than if students were to be in class and so parent support will be an important component of at home learning.

Q: Are you hiring more janitors like the CBE to clean and disinfect?

A: We have contracted additional caretaking staff at both campuses to assist with cleaning and sanitizing during the day.

Q: It appears from some news that if anyone even has a runny nose or cough they have to self isolate for 10 days. If my child is missing in person schooling due to this, will there be any online help each time this happens. Otherwise she will fall behind. Then it's more beneficial for me to pick online as an option.

A: CGCS teachers will provide support for students who are learning at home, whether it is the 'learning at home' long term approach or only a couple of days due to an appointment or other non-COVID absences. Our staff is aiming to be as responsive and supportive as possible.

Q: We were wondering about sending headphones with our daughter? She says that she uses them frequently to listen to music and instructional videos. I am presuming no headphones at this time since we can't thoroughly clean them each day?

A: Knowing that students will not be sharing supplies, it would be fine to have your student use their own headphones. It would be important that the headphones were sanitized before they were sent to school each day.

Q: Could you please discuss or share if the school has plans to encourage classroom time outside. There seems to be much evidence that the spread of Covid-19 is minimized when outdoors. Do you have an idea of the split between outdoor/ in classrooms learning?

A: Based on the learning activity and the conditions outside, teachers will determine times that are best suited for outside learning. We have many great outdoor spaces that teachers are excited to take advantage of with their students, especially during these next couple of months when the weather is favourable.

Q: Will their masks have to be the ones by Old Navy or match uniform or can they be whatever you already have?

A: Students will each receive two masks as provided by the Government of Alberta. At this time, students are also able to augment their provision of masks with ones they may already have.

Q: Will my child be able to take all the options they picked? What about if they go online vs in school?

A: To ensure that we are prioritizing student safety, students will stay in their homeroom cohorts for the entirety of the day. Specialist teachers will come to the cohort of students as opposed to students moving throughout the school. Due to this, options will look different as we begin the school year. All students in grades 6-9 will be offered Music, Art, Drama and when there are four groups of classes students will also be offered an additional option (ex. French, Leadership or Outdoor Pursuits). The exposure to options throughout the year, therefore, will be expansive, although different from how we have organized for options in past years.

Q: If kids need to take a couple weeks off to quarantine because a family member is sick, etc, will they be supported with home learning during those times?

A: Knowing that there might be more transition for our students this school year, we are creating programming so that there will be fluidity between in-class and at-home learning for all students. When students are at home they will be able to access learning assignments, assessments, and resources through Google Classroom. There will be teacher support offered during scheduled times throughout the week. However, this support will be significantly less than if students were to be in class and parent support will be an important component of at home learning.

Q: Will there be no grades again if things close?

A: There were many lessons learned during the emergency at home learning in the spring. As we move into the 2020-2021 school year, students will receive grades on their assessments and they will be issued report cards at the end of each reporting period. If we are directed to pivot to at home learning exclusively, there would be more assessment conducted than in the situation in the spring. Alberta Education has indicated that the number of hours that could be scheduled in a week would be greater and the expectation would be that assessment of curricular outcomes would be part of that, with grades assigned.

Q: What will be the start / end times for the school day? Will this be staggered? And, if staggered, will that be for the whole year?

A: At this time, the start and end times for the school day are 8:40am and 3:05pm for Lakeview and 8:40am and 3:00pm for Bel Aire. As we work to determine the bussing and transportation arrangements, we may consider some slight changes to this. All of our plans have the opportunity to be revisited regularly and if it was deemed necessary to make any changes, that would be considered with as much advance notification to families as possible.

- Q: I understand gym is hard to social distance in due to various things that have been offered in the past - will these activities be changed? How would you offer gym online?
- A: Our Phys Ed specialist and teachers will be working together to create programming that is safe for students. Student health and safety will be at the forefront of all programming decisions and this will impact the learning experiences students have in Phys Ed. As of now, we are planning for a fully in-person delivery of Phys Ed. If families choose the at home learning option, the focus of the learning will be primarily on Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and 'Go Girls'. We will share resources with families that would want to enrich their child's experiences at home, including physical education resources.
- Q: Will there be any mental health help in the school if my child is anxious? Will all of them wear masks during class or take them off, even if there is not 6 feet between them?
- A: As always, supporting the social emotional well being of our students is paramount. Classroom teachers, administration, and our Child Development advisor will be available to support the social emotional well being of students. In relation to masks, all people who are in the building will be required to wear masks at all times.
- Q: Who are the grade 5 teachers?
- A: All students in all grades will receive a welcome email from their homeroom teacher on Friday introducing themselves to your child.
- Q: I understand that parents will fill out the Daily Health Check form at home before sending their child to school. Do you have an extra measure to make sure that the parents are completing the form accurately, and not just sending their child to school so that they can go to work?
- A: At this time, we will be relying on the honour system of our parents as partners to complete the Daily Health Check completely and honestly for the safety of all the members of our learning community.
- Q: How many classes (ie , two grade four classrooms, three grade 5 classrooms) will there be in the upcoming school year?
- A: There will be 2 grade 4 classes, 3 grade 5 classes, 3 grade 6 classes, 4 grade 7 classes, 4 grade 8 classes and 3 grade 9 classes for the 2020-2021 school year.