

# OLIVE BRANCH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE WHILE PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL INSTRUCTION

## Return- To- Learn: Classroom Plan

Posters are placed around the school regarding hygiene. This includes distancing, washing hands, coughing into elbow, and avoiding touching face.

Students will remain in the same classroom all day; teachers will switch classes to deliver instruction. Efforts will be made to distance students.

Lunch sizes have been reduced by half, and students will sit every other seat. They will sit according to their classroom seating.

Activity teachers will come to the classroom with the exception of PE and computer. Students will not share supplies.

PE will report to the gym for distanced physical activity. Computer students will have a personal keyboard cover they will bring with them, and they will sit according to their classroom seating.

Recess areas will be zoned to ensure students are practicing social distance from other classes and do not share equipment.

4th grade car riders will be picked up and dropped off by the cafeteria. Drop off begins at 7:05. They will report directly to their homeroom in the morning, and they will be spaced in the cafeteria in the afternoons at 2:20.

5th grade car riders will be picked up and dropped off at the front of the school. Drop off begins at 7:05. They will report directly to their homerooms, and they will be spaced in the gym in the afternoons for pickup at 2:20.

In the morning, bus riders will exit their buses and follow markings to report to their homerooms. Bus riders will be dismissed to their buses first in the afternoon. They will be escorted in zones according to the bus line up.

A full-time nurse will be on campus to address needs during the school day. An extra member has been assigned to the janitorial staff whose responsibility will be to disinfect frequently touched items throughout the day.

Each homeroom is assigned specific times to use the restroom. This will ensure disinfecting can take place.

All classrooms will be supplied with hand sanitizer to be frequently used throughout the day.

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No visitors will be permitted into the school without an appointment or prior approval from principal. At this time, we will not have lunch time visitors.

Masks are recommended for students though they are not required.

Encouragement and reminders provided throughout the day.

## Return-To-Learn Virtual Plan

- Distance learning is an option. The link is provided below for the full plan.
- Parents can register by completing the application online at <https://www.desotocountyschools.org/distancelearning>.
- Questions about distance learning can be sent to [distancelearning@dcsms.org](mailto:distancelearning@dcsms.org).
- Applications must be completed by Wednesday, July 22.
- Distance learners must meet all of the same registration guidelines as traditional students.
- Students who participate in virtual learning will not be allowed to attend activity, recess, or lunch with peers.

- Parents and students **MUST** understand that students will be held accountable for assignments and will be given grades regardless if they choose the VIP (full-time online) or if they choose to come to school, **AND** we are shut-down in part or whole due to COVID.
- Parents must have plans in place if OBIS closes and if their children are not able to attend school because of a quarantine situation.
- Parents are urged to be prepared to change plans within 24 hours if needed, and it is critical that parents have updated e-mail addresses and phone numbers on file with our school.

- All Special Education students will have to have an IEP meeting.
- All teachers at OBIS will embed Schoology (our learning management system) into their daily instruction, so that if we have to go into a closure of any kind, students will be ready and familiar with the platform.
- While OBIS intends to begin the year with the traditional school model, you must be prepared for individual students or groups of students to shift to distance learning during the school year.
- Frequent changes could be made throughout the school year based on the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.

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**Additional information can be found in the full DCS Return-To-Learn Plan**  
<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/df06dc8e69864e60bf018a0822ab408b.pdf>