



Lake Cormorant Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

We are in an unprecedented time in our country, and I understand uneasiness as we plan to return to learn. I want to assure you we will do all we can to decrease the risk of the spread of COVID-19 in our school, and I would like to take this time to outline our plans for you. If it would make you feel safer, I will also include details on how to sign up for our Virtual Instructional Program (VIP).

Health and Hygiene

- We have a full-time nurse. Yay!
- Nurse Morgan will check on students displaying symptoms, and call parents.
- Masks for students and staff are strongly encouraged.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and not use water fountains.
- PLEASE check your child's temperature and screen them for symptoms each morning.
- Keep them at home if they are showing symptoms during the morning health check.
- An isolation area will be designated for students showing symptoms at school.

Transportation

If it is possible, please provide transportation for your child. Social distancing is much more difficult on school buses. In addition, they may run later than usual this year. If it is impossible to provide transportation, we strongly encourage masks on the school bus.

Arrival

- Car-riders will be dropped off on the north side of the building, the same as last year.
- Bus-riders will be dropped off in the front as usual.
- If the student chooses to eat breakfast at school, he/she will pick it up in the cafeteria and take it to their classroom.
- Teachers will be on duty in the mornings.
- Please talk to your child and let them know we still love them, but we will have to do air hugs or waves in lieu of hugs.
- Teachers will only open the car doors if it is necessary.

Dismissal

- K-2nd grade car-riders and their older siblings will be dismissed from their hall.
- 3rd- 5th grade car-riders will be dismissed in the front of the building.
- We will still need car-rider tags and bus passes.
- Buses will be dismissed in waves. Please be patient as we navigate new dismissal procedures.



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Breakfast/Lunch

- When breakfast begins, all students will have the option of eating breakfast at school, and they will not be charged.
- This will be a “Grab and Go” breakfast, and they will eat in their classrooms.
- To decrease the number of students in the cafeteria, classes will alternate eating lunch in the cafeteria/classrooms on a weekly basis.
- For younger students, make sure you send lunches that they can open themselves. We want to refrain from touching a student’s food.

Activity

- We will continue to offer PE, Music, Library, Computer, and Art. These classes may take place in the activity room or the classroom.
- Activity teachers will disinfect between classes.
- Students will not share supplies, instruments, or equipment.

Recess

- Students will still have recess, but the playground will be limited to one class at a time.

Classroom Set-up/Social Distancing

- We will do our best to social distance and keep your students safe. As you know, this can be a challenge when dealing with young students and limited space.
- Students will not be allowed to share supplies. They will need to keep their own supplies at their desk/table.

Schoology

- All classes will use Schoology on a daily basis. This is a Learning Management System (LMS).
- Schoology will help greatly if school closures are needed.
- Teachers will send information, and it is vital for parents and students to be familiar and comfortable with Schoology.

Visitors

- In an effort to decrease the risk of COVID in LCES, we will not allow visitors in the building at this time.
- This will be re-evaluated when COVID numbers stop rising.



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VIP- Virtual Instructional Program

- All students have the option of participating in the Virtual Instructional Program.
- There will be teachers in each grade assigned to our VIPs. Instruction and classwork will be completed through Schoology.
- Teachers will check in with their VIP students and monitor their progress.
- VIP students will be held accountable for all assignments on Schoology.
- If you would like more information or sign up for the VIP, please do this by July 22nd. You can sign up by visiting our website.

<https://www.desotocountyschools.org/distancelearning>

Meet the Teacher

- All teachers will create a Meet the Teacher Video. Please watch this with your child/children. This will help them become familiar with their teacher and see their classroom.
- Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers will send information to their parents to schedule a time for you to bring your child and do a curbside supply drop-off/meet the teacher.

Again, I understand concerns, and I promise we will make every effort to decrease the risk of COVID outbreaks at LCES. If you choose distance learning, we will do our best to make certain your child gets the best education possible. We appreciate your support of this great school, and I look forward to an incredible school year!

Sincerely,

Kristy Dunning

Principal