

# Huntingdon Primary School

## Back to School

### Questions + Answers

2020 - 2021

#### **Q: Will students be required to wear face masks to school?**

No. Face masks will not be required of students or staff. Face masks are allowed and all students and staff will have the option of wearing face masks.

#### **Q: What will the school schedule look like from day to day?**

The school schedule will not look any different from previous years. Other than basic precautionary measures, the school schedule will look similar to what students have experienced in the past.

#### **Q: What will student arrival look like?**

An infrared thermometer will be stationed inside the front doors of the school. Students and staff will hold their wrist up to the sensor and listen for the results. Miss Christy will be monitoring this thermometer each day and those students entering the building from the buses. Officer Jackie will take the temperature of students in cars at parent drop off. Students must remain in their cars until their temperature is taken by Officer Jackie.

#### **Q: What are some precautionary measures that will be implemented to assist with student safety and staff safety?**

**Daily temperature checks** - As students enter the building each morning, students' temperature will be checked. Based on CDC guidelines, any student who has a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home.

**Temperature screening and limited access of school visitors** - All visitors will be required to have their temperature checked and access to the school building will be limited. For the time being, visitors will not be allowed to attend school functions during the school day. This includes class parties, programs, and lunches.

**Building Cleaning** - Restrooms and water fountains will be wiped down after students use them throughout the day. Janitorial services will clean student desks daily.

**Water fountains** - Students will not be allowed to use traditional water fountains. We will have 3 water bottle filling stations for students and staff to use throughout the building. Students may bring their own water bottle from home. Water bottles should be taken home daily for washing.

### **Q: What will Open House consist of?**

To reduce crowd size, each grade level will have their own Open House. Parents will enter the building through the Gym doors for a brief meeting with the principal. All adults entering the building are highly encouraged to wear a mask especially in areas where social distancing may be a concern. After meeting with the principal, parents will be allowed to visit their child's classroom. Please exit the building through the front doors.

Third Grade - July 27th at 6:00

Second Grade - July 28th at 6:00

First Grade - July 29th at 6:00

Kindergarten - July 30th at 6:00

### **Q: What will the first day of school look like?**

This day will remain a come and go opportunity for parents and students to meet with the teacher and drop off classroom supplies. In order to reduce crowd size, parents and students will come at a staggered time schedule by grade level and we ask that each student bring only one parent. All adults entering the building are highly encouraged to wear a mask especially in areas where social distancing may be a concern. **Everyone will enter through the Gym doors, but exit through the front doors of the building.**

Kindergarten and First Grade 8:30 to 9:30

Second Grade and Third Grade - 9:30 to 10:30

Buses will run on the half day of school as well.

Early Bus - 11:00

Parent Pick Up - 11:10

Late Bus - 11:20

### **Q: What will happen if a staff member or student is diagnosed with the COVID virus?**

In the event of staff or students being diagnosed with the COVID virus, school stakeholders will be notified by school administration. Additional measures will be considered based on the specifics of each unique case.

### **Q: What will happen if students are not allowed to come to school for an extended period of time?**

The school has a distance learning plan prepared in the event school must close for an extended period of time. Generally speaking, students will continue learning through distance

learning using Google Classroom and Google Meet. Students will have options to correspond with their teacher if they do not or have limited internet access. Hopefully we will not have to implement the distance learning plan, but we want to make sure all students and parents/guardians are aware of our plan in the event students will not have the opportunity to meet face to face.

**Q: When will my PreK student begin attending school?**

We hope for PreK students to begin attending school the week of Aug 24th on a staggered schedule. Typical peers will be notified beginning the week of Labor Day.

**Q: What changes will be made this year for students being transported by bus?**

All bus-related procedures and protocols are established by the Carroll County Board of Education. For questions, please contact superintendent Johnny McAdams at 986-4482.

The school is responsible for enforcing the expectations of students riding the bus to school.

The following revisions have been made to bus procedures for 2020-2021: Although Carroll County Schools are taking the following precautions while transporting students to prevent the spread of germs that could lead to illnesses, it is the parent's/guardian's decision for students to ride a school bus. Carroll County Schools reserve the rights to adapt/revise these operating procedures as needed.

1. Please check your child's temperature and ensure it is below 100.4 degrees before allowing him/her to ride a bus.
2. Students will load the bus and be assigned a seat from back to front with the first students picked up sitting in the back of the bus. Family members will sit together as space allows. It will be a point of emphasis that students will stay in their seat until unloading at their destination. (To assist with the prevention of the spread of germs)
3. Each bus will drop off students at each school without transitioning students from one bus to another. The bus will unload from front to back at each location. Students will sit in the same assigned seat in the afternoon and morning routes. At the end of the school day, students should load the bus in the order they load in the morning from back to front.
4. Students being transported from one school to another will be assigned a bus to ride with an assigned seat.
5. Masks will be recommended to be worn by anyone riding on a Carroll County Schools bus.

6. Hand sanitizer will be provided for driver's and students' use upon loading and unloading the bus.
7. Windows should be lowered for ventilation. (Weather Permitting)
8. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular schedule.
- 9. Destination changes must be approved 24 hours in advance unless it is an emergency.**

**Q: Is there a contingency plan for student learning and safety in the event the virus spread warrants additional precautionary measures or modifications to the learning environment?**

Yes. A specific plan has been developed to guide future decisions in the event the virus spread is trending upward in our community. From additional precautionary measures to modifications to the learning environment, a plan is prepared for future disruptions. Below is a summary of the phases being considered. We are currently anticipating starting school under minimal spread guidelines.

**Minimal Spread.** School buildings remain open with multiple preventative measures in place to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Parents will have the ability to choose the traditional return or the Virtual Learning option. (We plan to start in this phase on August 4)

**Moderate Spread.** School buildings remain open via a rotating schedule and/or potential targeted or short term closures. For rotating schedules students will be grouped by last name to determine days they will attend school and days they will learn from home. Distance Learning will be provided by HSSD teachers using the on-line platforms: Google Classroom and Google Meet.

**Substantial Spread.** School building will be closed. Staff will continue to report to their assigned school daily, unless otherwise noted, to conduct Distance Learning for all students. All students in grade PK-12 will be permitted to take home their district provided learning device. For those students without internet access, paper-based assignments and other options will be provided.