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Lewisburg Primary School Families,

We are excited to welcome back our students in just a few weeks! We've missed seeing them and we can't wait for the start to the school year.

Our LPS faculty and staff will be doing everything within our abilities to keep the transmission of COVID-19 risks as low as possible. Social distancing and cleaning will be maintained and utilized to the greatest extent possible based on the feasibility of the space within the building and classrooms.

I've included pertinent information regarding the 2020~2021 school year below. Please feel free to reach out to the school with any questions.

We appreciate your help, as we work together to safely educate our children. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great school year!

Best wishes,

Jeannie Treadway

LPS Principal

### Virtual Instructional Program

Full-time distance learning (VIP) will be an option for students during the 2020-2021 school year. Virtual Instruction Program distance learning will allow students to remain enrolled in DeSoto County Schools while receiving teacher-facilitated online instruction.

Parents can register by completing the distance learning application on the DeSoto County Schools website, <https://www.desotocountyschools.org/distancelearning>, and questions about the application process can be answered by sending an email to [distancelearning@dcsms.org](mailto:distancelearning@dcsms.org)

- The application form must be completed by Wednesday, July 22nd.
- LPS teachers and staff will reinforce procedures regarding daily health questions for students and follow guidelines for students and staff who are experiencing symptoms.
- LPS teachers and staff will follow contact tracing instructions from local and state health agencies. We will isolate and deep clean impacted classrooms and spaces.



### Morning Arrival & Breakfast

- Breakfast will begin August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Students will enter the building and go straight to their room.
- Bus riders will enter the (yellow, red, purple) hall closest to their bus.
- Special area teachers will pick up breakfast rosters from the teachers and go get breakfast items, then deliver to the classrooms.
- Students are encouraged to open their own car doors, but staff will help if needed.
- Duty staff will keep as much distance as possible and limit conversations. Smiles are welcomed!
- No early library check out at this time.
- All students should go directly to their classrooms and remain there.
- Car rider line will start at 7:00 and end at 7:55.
- Teachers will provide students a backpack tag with their classroom hall color.



### **NEW PROCEDURE:**

**Car rider students can be dropped off in EITHER car rider line. If they have LES siblings- they should drop off in the front. Car riders will be allowed to enter the front entrance or orange, green, or blue hall.**



**Lunch**

- STUDENT LUNCH \$2.75
- Parents may use My Payments Plus to post money and monitor lunch balances. [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- We encourage parents to pre-pay for lunches to alleviate our teachers and teacher assistants from paperwork.
- Lunch visitors are prohibited. However, the principal has the discretion to grant special permission in rare circumstances. Please email [jeannie.treadway@dcsms.org](mailto:jeannie.treadway@dcsms.org) with any such requests.
- Students in the serving line will be standing on the social distancing dots on the floor.
- Students will sit at your assigned cafeteria table sitting on the distance dots on the cafeteria table seats.
- The teacher or teacher assistant will go get milk or water for students with lunchboxes, before the cafeteria tray students' head to the cafeteria.
- Students with lunchboxes will eat in the classroom with the teacher or assistant.



### **Playgrounds, Recess Areas, & Activity Classes**

- Teachers will provide guidelines for students to limit close contact on equipment, such as no touching and respecting each other's private space.
- Staff will sanitize the equipment after each recess.
- 1 class will be allowed on each of the playgrounds. We have 3 other recess areas designated for outdoor activities.
- Classes from different hallways will follow the prescribed route/schedule to their activity class daily.



### Dismissal

- Classes from different hallways will dismiss to buses following the prescribed route/schedule beginning at 2:05.
- Car riders will sit on the social distancing dots and listen for their name to be called. Car rider line will begin at approximately 2:30.

### **NEW PROCEDURE for Car Riders:**

**K students, LPS siblings, & LES siblings will dismiss from the front of the school.**

**1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students (with no siblings) will dismiss from blue hall (side of the building).**



### Classrooms

- **Students will sit beside the same classmates in the classroom, cafeteria, and activity classes.**
- **Students and staff will sanitize every time they leave their classroom and upon entering the classroom.**
- We will sanitize and wipe down the classroom often.
- **Clear table dividers and lap desks will be utilized.**
- **Teachers will conduct morning student checks for illness. Then report them as needed, to the school nurse.**

#### Other Info.

- Students are encouraged to wear masks.
- No school visitors allowed at this time.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles daily.
- Parent Conferences will be done via Zoom/ phone calls. If needed, we will schedule social distance for meetings. No impromptu conferences will be allowed.
- Throughout the school day, any forgotten student items that are brought to school, will be placed on the tables in the foyer.
- Students ARE allowed to bring STORE BOUGHT SEALED cupcakes or single packaged snacks for their birthday. The teacher will distribute them at snack/lunch.
- **In an effort to promote social distancing, parents will not walk students in the first day of school. LPS Staff will be all around the exterior and interior of the building to help direct our sweet students to their classroom.**
- Please be mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that can completely eliminate transmission risks within a school population. The goal is to keep transmission risks as low as possible.
- Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal the first two weeks. It will take a little longer than normal as we practice social distancing protocols during these times.
- **For the safety of your children, other students, staff, and extended family members, we are asking parents to please conduct a health check every morning on your children at home prior to sending them to school.** If your child exhibits one or more of the following symptoms, please keep him/her at home and contact your healthcare provider: fever over 100 degrees, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, body aches, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, unusual fatigue or irritability, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, unusual rash, or unusual pink/red

eyes not explained by allergies or injury. Seek immediate medical care if someone has any of the following emergency warning signs: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face. Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness and appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

- If ANY of the above symptoms are detected at school, your child will be isolated from other students, he/she will be provided a facemask, and we will contact you to pick up your child as soon as possible. These guidelines will be strictly enforced, so please provide several current, up-to-date phone numbers to your child's school.

We are dedicated to ensuring that our students excel and enjoy school! Thanks in advance for your continued support as we navigate these uncharted waters!