



## **Grades Program**

WSSD will open for all students to return with care and mandated precautions as allowed by the county. We are following our County and State regulations during COVID-19 and incorporating guidance from the American Association of Pediatrics.

## **Physical Spaces and Class Grouping**

Grades classes will remain together as single class cohort-groups and will be assigned to classroom spaces large enough for social distancing. These class Cohort-units remain separated to minimize exposure. Separate play areas have been designated for each grade. Additionally, each class will have a designated outdoor classroom space that will be covered to protect from the sun and the elements. Grades classes will use their designated outdoor classroom spaces for as much time as possible for Main Lesson classes and Subject classes. All Subject classes will visit these outdoor classroom spaces, using indoor classrooms only minimally, with the exception of Eurythmy and Woodwork classes which have their own designated covered outdoor classrooms. Gardening and Games classes will continue to be held outdoors only. Music classes will also be held outdoors only and will travel to outdoor classrooms.

## **Minimized-Contact Instructional Plan**

Grades classes will have contact with three teachers only over the course of one week. One Main Lesson Teacher and two Subject Teachers will accompany each class over the week (with the exception of middle school Math adding one additional teacher, and classes taught with assistants). Each week will bring a new pair of subject teachers. This pattern will continue over four weeks until returning to the first two teachers and the four-week rotation will begin again. In this way, the students will receive all of their subjects over the four weeks while reducing exposure.

## **Daily Class Schedule**

The grades schedule will continue with the same timing and same subject offerings as in previous years, but with adjustments to the frequency and contact with teachers. One 2hr main lesson followed by four 45-min. subject/extra main classes. The same configuration will hold for one week and then switch the two subjects on the following week. After four weeks the schedule will return to the subjects from Week one.

Middle School Exception: Math rotation in Grades 6-8

7:45-8:10 - Check-in

Health check at drop-off; morning care in class designated areas.

8:15 - 10:15 Main Lesson

10:15-10:30 and 10:30-10:45 snack and recess

10:50 - 11:35 Period 1 - subject class  
11:40 - 12:45 Extra Main or subject class  
    12:25-12:45 and 12:45-1:05 lunch recess  
1:10 – 1:55 Period 3 - Subject  
2:00 – 2:45 Period 4 - Extra Main or subject class\*  
    2:45 - 3:00 clean-up and verse (grades 1 and 2 begin supervised play/pick-up at 2)

\*Note - Thursday is an early release day ending at 2:00 pm for all Grades students.

### **Drop-off/ Pick-up**

Parents will drive up to the front of the school for a health check at drop-off. After receiving a health check, students will be directed to their outdoor class designated areas to meet with their class teachers. In order to reduce exposure, parents will not be permitted to enter the school campus and will only be allowed to drive through the parking area for drop-off and pick up. Parking will not be permitted on campus for parents. Parents will be required to wait in the drive-up drop-off zone until the student health check is completed.

Parents can drive up to the front of the school for pick up beginning at 3:00 pm or 2:00 pm for Grades 1 and 2. From the front of the school, staff will notify the supervising teacher and that parent has arrived, and the student will be sent to the front for pick-up.

### **Extended Care**

#### Morning Care:

Morning care is provided by class teachers beginning at 7:45. After their health check at drop-off, students will be directed to their outdoor class designated areas.

#### Aftercare:

We are still exploring the option of aftercare until 5 or 6:00 pm. Please notify the school if this is a need for your family. Thursday is an early release day (2:00 pm).

### **Physical Health and Hygiene**

The school holds the health of our community members at the center of all our planning. Strict adherence to the school's health and wellness policies will be maintained for the benefit of all. Please familiarize yourself with the daily health screening procedure, drop-off /pick-up procedures, school policies, and expectations regarding sick children, teachers, and family members. Your first parent meeting will include a review of these policies and procedures.

Teachers will model frequent handwashing and support students in regular, thorough hand washing. High touch surfaces such as sink knobs, toilet handles, tables, and door handles will be regularly cleaned following state and county regulations.

#### Masks/ Shields and Social Distancing

After great deliberation and research, the following decisions have been made in an effort to balance the developmental stage of the students with the health of the students and teachers.

Students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks and/or face shields while indoors such as in classrooms and moving through hallways. When outside and socially distanced, masks or shields will not be required.

### **Social and Emotional Health and Integration into School**

We recognize that during the school closure many students were not physically interacting with others outside their immediate family. We are working on developing ways to help students transition from home to school and to integrate more easily with their friends, teachers, and school day.

### **Distance Learning**

Teachers will maintain Google Classrooms to use in the event of school closures or quarantine situations, but it will not be offered as an option in addition to in-school teaching.

### **Calendar of Events**

We are hopeful that we can host our school events as much in-person and as normal as possible. Many of our celebrations will be held in the smaller class group settings. Further information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.