**LITTLE RIVER RE-OPENING INFORMATION SESSION WITH DR HOGANS**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021 – 6pm**

*6:00pm Meeting Convened*

Dr. Hogans started the meeting with bullet points for about 15 minutes and then opened the meeting for Q&A

* Monday, March 15th elementary students allowed back to in-person instructions
* April 8th Middle grades allowed back
* Elementary staff is engaged this week for final preparations for students returning Monday
* If parents have not heard from Dr. Hogans, regarding their child’s assigned teacher, by noon on Friday, please contact him by email.
* **ACCESS TO THE BUILDING**
* Everyone is required to wear a mask, employees and students
* 3 Ws will be in place
* All Staff complete daily symptom checker before they leave their homes
* Physical screening for staff as they enter the building
* Car rider lane back of school

-Drivers will remain in their cars (only students to enter building)

* Bus drop offs/pick-ups front of school

*NOTES: No one can be walked into school EXCEPT FOR PREK STUDENTS-they will load at the front of the school (7:30)*

*Only staff and students have access to the buildings*

*All students will immediately go to their classrooms, or they may grab a breakfast bag and then head to their classrooms.*

* **SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – Bell schedule 7:25am-2:15pm
* Remote learning will shift up to that bell schedule also
* Screening and walk into school will begin unloading at 7:00am
* Pre-K begins at 7:30-2pm
* **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Screening for drive in children: before exiting car, temperature check

* Children in electronic wellness check (wellness questions -likely exposure to covid, temperature, presenting any symptoms)
* Parents will have the same screening as staff, each morning before you leave your house.  Best to complete on smart phone and display green check to staff as you come into car line; or you can print it out at your house and bring with you.

Student will not be permitted to enter the school building without passing the wellness screening

Screening for bus riders: Before entering bus in morning, attestation form will have to be turned in (filled and signed by parents) Form can be accessed through Parent Portal, email, or paper

-Only have to complete one form for bus riders.

* Additional screening: upon exiting bus, temperature check

**CLASSROOM SETUP WITH COVID PROTOCOLS**

* Six feet of social distancing with existing furniture in the classroom
* Teachers can teach in the classroom, but can also use the opportunity to teach outside (using the protocols)
* Limited movement in classroom
* No shared materials
* If using personal computer, you don’t need to bring it, you will be issued a DPS one on Monday

**MASK BREAKS**

* Each student will be provided with 2 washable masks and their will be extra disposable ones, as well.
* Social time/recess - OUTDOORS
* Outside and free play, they can remove their mask but students will be encouraged to keep social distancing
* Using multiple spaces for recess to spread out the students appropriately

**MEALS**

* Meal services have been financed via a grant
* All meals will be free, if any students would like one from the cafeteria
* Breakfast – grab and go (bagged)
* Lunch – hot lunch in a container but no choice on what will be served
* Will be eating in the classroom
* Can bring your own lunches
* Remote families can access meals from 11:30-12:15, at LR

**FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION AND REMOTE INSTRUCTION**

* Elementary students - Dedicated set of teachers for in-person instructions and set of teachers for remote instruction
* Middle School students – hybrid model of teachers who will be charged with in-person and remote instructions
* Students will still be using their chromebooks and using Canvas as the management system

**MEDIA CENTER**

* students will have access to media center to be able to check out books (covid protocols in place), through their specials time

**SPECIALS/ENCORE**

* Face to face instruction w/ specials teacher and they will go to that specific classroom (art, music, media, etc.)

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

* Making sure they comply with COVID protocols

**EOGs**

* They will continue and are still set for the 3, 4, and 5 grades
* Will have to come into school to complete the test, regardless of choosing Plan A or B

**ORGANIZING MOVING IN THE BUILDING**

* Signage on the floors, signage for hygiene practices, etc.

**HEALTH PRECAUTIONS**

* Protocols in place if a case comes up
* Target where we need to focus our attention
* Contact tracing – where case is coming from
* Isolation/quarantine – how that affects that child, that class, etc.
* Cases will be communicated affectively and promptly

**CHROMEBOOK USAGE**

* We will continue to use the Chromebooks in various capacities, mostly in class (won’t go home each night).

**CHANGE YOUR MIND?**

* May change your mind, and evaluate and go through the process to ascertain whether this is the best plan for your family or not
* For elementary students only, the process for changing from in-person to virtual. That will be shared with you via email.
* For middle school students, what you have decided must remain in place so that LR can comply with safety protocols pertaining to numbers and social distancing.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION OF MEETING**

**Can you clarify: how does the “green check” work for bus riders?**

Have to complete the symptom checker each morning.  On Parent Portal, the form will be available each morning by 5:30 and you can access that and fill out and get a green check.  Attestation form will need to be dropped in drop in box in bus.  If car riders don’t have green check, they will be routed a different way and you will have to verbally answer and take the temperature.

**For families with multiple kids or carpool, you need multiple checks?**

Yes.

**When will parents receive the symptom checker form/app on their phone?**

Will receive it via email and complete on their phones.  Not necessarily an app.  Information coming out Friday of how that will come to families.  Email each day to Parent Portal.  Information will be loaded to a database that Durham Health Dept. can access and will be monitoring that data.

**What are the questions on the symptom checker?**

Something along the lines of: Has your child had close contact with someone with within 6 ft, or more than 15 minutes that had COVID 19?

Has your child been diagnosed with Covid 19?

**When should parents expect to get bus numbers and route information?**

Hopefully Friday, or over the weekend.  Should come in an email, through parent portal

**Will students have recess?**

Yes, they will.  One classroom out on playground at a time, to limit contact.  Students may remove their masks.  They will be encouraged to keep distance from other students for extended periods of time.  They will sanitize before and after recess.

**When should remote families expect to get links and passwords for instruction?**  by Friday, teachers will be reaching out

**How do parents switch from remote to in person instruction?** There is a form, it is in production.  But, will be on the website for families to access.

**How many students are planning on coming back?**

258 in person instruction

197 virtual instruction

**If a student receives medication during the day what is the process and how do you provide that?**

Curbside receiving of medication and appropriate forms.  Administration of medication will follow along with Covid mitigation.  Students will come to office and staff that are trained to administer this, will do so.  Will be communicated out very soon.

**Will Students need to keep masks on at all time other than recess?**

Yes.

**Are snacks allowed?**

Breakfast and lunch are provided and snacks are allowed for elementary students.  Parents may pack this in the student’s lunch box.

**Can parents continue to check out books out of the library for remote students?**

Yes

**Will there be mask breaks other than recess and meal times?**

Teachers may have additional mask breaks and especially if they have outdoor learning.

**Will all the faculty and staff be vaccinated?**

DPS doesn’t require all staff to be vaccinated.  It does encourage it.  Dr. Hogans is vaccinated.  It is not something teachers must disclose.

I**s there a plan for 5th and 8th grade graduation?**

There will be some way to celebrate and honor the rising 6th and 9th graders, but there are no hard plans yet.

**Regarding teacher changes, is there a plan to meet new teachers before school?**

Will not have an opportunity to meet teachers before school.  Teachers will reach out tomorrow  (Friday) to some students.  First couple weeks are going to be spent getting to know teachers and each other.

**How should parents proceed to carline in the mornings?**  Carline has not changed.  Left into large parking lot, second right to gravel road behind the school, and then come to the back of the school.  Signs are in front of school, suggesting a carline through Torredge, but they will be changed.  It is the same as it always has been.

**Drop off/ Wellness forms:**

I**f person (non-parent) dropping off, does not have access to parent portal, do they just get re-routed a different way and they can still complete the symptom checker in person?** Yes.

Mr. C: If someone else is bringing your child-you could take a screen shot of the “green light” and text to the person that is bringing your child.  They could hold up that picture, instead of being routed to the line where the questions must be asked at school.

**Will guidance counselors times and schedules remain the same?**

They will continue to provide service to the students.  They will operate on schedule.  They will service remote and in person instruction programs.  It will adjust to the needs of each program.

**Will students be sanitizing every time they go in and out of the classroom? How often is it encouraged, other than just having hand sanitizer present?**

Students will be encouraged to sanitize going in and out of the classrooms.

20 second rule, of hand washing  Yes, they will be encouraging it.

Also encouraged to not touch face, limit hand contact, and cough into elbow, etc.

**How many classes in the lunchroom at a time?**

They will not be using it.  They will eat in classrooms.

**Do we know about aftercare spaces?** No before care

Aftercare will utilize the media center and cafeteria.

Parents will pickup at the rear of the school. There will be staff and they will have the child come out.  Parents will not come into the building.

**This meeting is not recorded.  But there are notes to this and Tuesday’s meeting.**

C**heck out the notes at**[**littleriverpto.weebly.com**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http%3A/littleriverpto.weebly.com/__;!!OToaGQ!6Fl7PFMDWQ4QiNRbu10-grjZQyRIj3LWY2iz2h8C0nCDf2h25RUwCcloplW4J6qCPw$)**, More, PTO Minutes, the notes to these two meetings will be accessible here**

**What types of products are used to clean the classroom?**

Disinfectant cleaning solution, designed for school buildings, at the end of each school day

**Thank everyone for coming and look forward to next week and seeing everyone.  Moving forward safely!**

**If you haven’t heard teacher assignment, by noon tomorrow, email or call Dr. Hogans.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED 6:59 pm**