

We're looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on September 1st. Please know that we have been working all summer developing plans to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

One of the new health protocols that all students and staff members will need to adjust to is the wearing of face masks. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends face coverings to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the State of Connecticut is requiring the wearing of masks by all students and adults in school as part of our Reopening Plan.

In order to be more informed on the proper use of face masks and also for tips on helping your child adjust to wearing face masks, please check out the following helpful links from the CDC:

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Helping Students Wear Face Masks:

<https://www.today.com/parents/cdc-says-children-should-wear-masks-slow-covid-19-spread-t178005>

Please be assured that our students will get "mask breaks" throughout the day and we will utilize outside spaces as much as possible, where students will be able to social distance and enjoy some fresh air without a facial covering. Our Reopening Plan recommends mask breaks during outside recess; physical education outside; lunch and water breaks.

One of the best ways to encourage students' appropriate use of facial coverings is for the adults around them to model this. We intend to model the appropriate use of face masks at school and we ask parents/guardians and other adults in the family to do the same with your children when you are in public places. Please develop the practice of wearing a mask now with your child so it is not as such an adjustment when they get back to school and must wear them for an extended amount of time.

As always, thanks so much for your support during these challenging times.

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