



The Rose E. Scala School
Public School 71/Preparatory Academy at 71
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Parent Letter #1 School Re-Opening & Program Model

August 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your families are healthy and safe, and that you found some time to relax and enjoy the summer months. As we prepare for the reopening of school, I want to inform you of the hybrid programming model selected for PS/MS 71 and share information that you will be receiving in the days and weeks ahead. The information that you are receiving at this time, is contingent upon the guidance set forth by DOHMH, the Governor's office, and the NYCDOE, which may change as circumstances due to COVID-19 evolve.

Our school has been approved to implement hybrid program model # 2, where we will have in-person instruction for 3 cohorts of students (Group A, Group B, & Group C). The week of August 24th, the following information will be mailed home to each family:

Your child's cohort group, official class, teacher's name and room, a school calendar indicating each letter day for when your child is to attend school, your child's instructional schedule, and Blue Emergency Cards. It is strongly encouraged that you refer to the school calendar to ensure that you send your child to school on the correct letter day for in-person instruction, as the instructional days will rotate on Mondays and Tuesdays. ***Group A will attend school in person every Wednesday, Group B will attend school in person every Thursday, and Group C will attend school in person every Friday.***

The first day of school is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 10th. Cohort B is scheduled to attend on this day.

For Hybrid Model 2, students will receive live in-person instruction on their designated letter day. The other days are designated for remote learning where students will participate in live, synchronous instruction and have interactions with their teachers. Students will receive 5.5 hours of instruction during in-person days.

I ask that you complete the blue cards with emergency contact information and return to your child's teachers by the first day of school. This information will be imperative for student pick up and dismissal from school. Please note that if your child comes to school on his/her non-scheduled in-person instructional day, you are responsible to pick him/her up. This is to ensure that students remain in their assigned cohorts/learning pods to mitigate spread and unnecessary interactions with other groups of students.

Arrival and dismissal times have been staggered to minimize the number of students entering and exiting the building during arrival and dismissal and to ensure social distancing. Please note the change to the school's hours during this time of hybrid/remote learning:

**Grades K-4 Arrival is 8:30 am; Dismissal is 2:00 pm
Grades 5-8 Arrival is 8:45 am; Dismissal is 2:15 pm**

More information regarding arrival and dismissal procedures will be forthcoming.

Together we can work to ensure that our school re-opens with the safety and health of our students and staff as the number one priority. Although this year will be like no other, I'm looking forward to welcoming your children back into our school building. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have further questions and/or concerns. Your cooperation and support are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Margaret Mirando
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