



# Public School 3

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Dear PS 3 Families,

I would like to thank you for your patience as we prepare to launch the 2020-21 school year. Since my letter to you on Tuesday, things have changed significantly.

On Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, in person instruction will begin for our Cohort B **Pre-Kindergarten** students. Parents should bring those students to Exit 7 at 8:30am. From September 21<sup>st</sup> thru September 25<sup>th</sup> all students **K-5** will continue to be fully remote. On Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, blended learning will begin for Cohort A.

For Science and Music, we will follow the schedule I sent out on Tuesday. On Monday 9/21, Cohort A students will attend their first at home live Science session (cohorts alternate on Mondays). Live at home instruction with also continue with classroom teachers. Classroom teachers will provide additional information directly to students and parents.

Here is the schedule for live at home instruction for **Cohort A and B students**:

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	8:00					
1	8:30	K- Science A/B	K- Music B	K- Music A	K-Science B	K-Science A
2	9:17	1-Science A/B	1-Music B	1-Music A	1-Science B	1- Science A
3	10:04	2-Science A/B	2- Music B	2- Music A	2- Science B	2-Science A
4	10:51					
5	11:38	3-Science A/B	3-Science B	3-Science A	3- Music B	3- Music A
6	12:25	4-Science A/B	4-Science B	4- Science A	4-Music B	4-Music A
7	1:12	5-Science A/B	5- Science B	5-Science A	5- Music B	5- Music A

K- Kindergarten, 1- First Grade, 2- Second Grade, 3- Third Grade, 4-Fourth Grade, 5- Fifth Grade

A- Cohort A students who are at home, B- Cohort B students who are at home

You may have heard about the DOE's significant staffing shortages in NYC. To reiterate, we are fully covered for all in person, blended and fully remote instruction. For blended at home instruction, we are providing all students with one live session per day (music or science), but if the DOE potentially provides additional teachers/resources, we will be directing additional live instructional support for our at home blended students.

## **Before and After School Programs**

At this time, we will not be conducting any morning care or latchkey for the months of September and October. We are sending out reimbursement checks today for all families that are due a refund. We will re-evaluate this decision in late October with better clarity.

## **Session Times**

The planned student times for PS 3 will be from 8:30-2:00pm for students.

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## **Fully Remote Instruction**

Our fully remote students will begin their normal weekly routines on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Students should have been meeting with teachers this week as an introduction. A weekly schedule should also be available for when the teacher will be live (synchronous) and when students will be working asynchronously. Please contact the teacher for any additional information.

## **Dismissal**

This year, to prevent the cross contamination of students at dismissal, all students will be dismissed with their class. No siblings will be able to go to their siblings classroom for dismissal. Our paraprofessionals will be dismissing each class and will be able to wait outside with the students to allow parents to pick students up from multiple exits.

Classes will be dismissed from the following exits (All exit numbers are painted above the exit door):

097 & 098	Exit 7 (Outside PK room)
K001,K004	Exit 3 (South Goff)
K003,K005	Exit 8 (Large Yard on Everett)
101,102	Exit 17
103	Exit 16
201,202,203,204,304	Exit 4
301,401,402,403,404,901,902	Exit 6
302,303	Exit 9
903	Exit 5
501,502,503,504	Exit 12 (Large school yard)

## **Devices**

I have a list of approximately 100 students who have requested a technology device. At this time, it is not clear how the DOE will be distributing the remaining 30,000 devices. PS 3 had lent out all devices from our own inventory to students and staff in March. We are in the process of ordering additional devices to cover all requests. It will take a minimum of 2-4 weeks for those devices to arrive.

## **Books/Materials**

Next week, we will be distributing books and/or materials to classes between the hours of 9-11am outside the main building. If you have any textbooks, library books or materials from last year, we ask that you return them when you come to pick up this year's materials.

## **Bussing**

Door to door bussing for our students will begin on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and you should have received information with pick up and drop off times. General Education bussing will begin on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for Cohort A students. However, I am very concerned about general education bussing. The bus companies will start the school year following each school's session times from the 2019-20 school year. That translates to students being picked up at their normal morning times, arriving at school approximately 8am and remaining on the bus until 8:30am. In the afternoon, if busses arrive at their "regular" time from last year, they would arrive at PS 3 between 2-3pm, after student dismissal time. We are trying to work with OPT to adjust times, but have not been successful at this time. To help reduce confusion when bussing begins, please make sure that Janine Guerrieri ([JGuerrieri@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JGuerrieri@schools.nyc.gov)) has a phone number that she can text you specifically with bus time information.

As we begin the school year, I would ask that you continue to exercise flexibility and patience.

Thank you,  
Elmer Myers