

CALENDAR CHANGES

School Year

The school year is extended to 30 weeks instead of 28. We will start Sept 8 to allow public schools to start before us to see if there is a surge related to school attendance.

1. We will hold in person classes unless there is a sudden surge related to the start of school.
2. The entire school including the Pre-k will take off between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This allows us to be closed for the part of the year when people are most likely sick and also traveling.
3. In the event we have a student or staff member with a COVID-19 diagnosis, based on the dates they were diagnosed and attended, we may move to distance learning for 1-2 weeks before returning or as otherwise directed by current recommendations and any state or local officials or medical personal.
4. Families who receive a COVID-19 diagnosis in their household should notify Forest Path Academy. The school will let all enrolled families know if there is a case among our staff or students.
5. We are constrained by any state guidelines. If the governor requires schools to close in the state we will be required to follow those guidelines.
6. We guarantee 24 weeks of in person classes, with up to 6 weeks of distance learning interspersed throughout the school year. In the event of stay at home orders, we may elect for a 10 week distance learning fall quarter following by 20 weeks of in person classes for Spring 1 and 2 quarters. This would affect tuition rates. Families would pay a discounted rate for the distance learning period. If we are required to move to distance education, parents may choose to drop for the fall semester but keep their enrollment for the Spring in person semester only.
7. June 7-25 will be reserved as make-up dates for any weeks that need to be cancelled due to COVID-19 spread.
8. In the event we are unable to hold all 24 weeks of in person classes by June 25, 2021, families will be refunded for any cancelled weeks at this time.
9. We will continue to use Google classrooms so families can easily access assignments.
10. Registering and paying the supply fee at this time holds your spot for your choice of either the full school year; fall distance learning plus Spring in person, or Spring in class only.

REVISED ILLNESS POLICY

Our goal is to offer a safe environment where children can enjoy socializing while keeping our risk of exposure to COVID-19 as low as possible.

FOR ALL ILLNESSES:

- If your child has vomited in the last 72 hours they may not attend as stomach bugs are **extremely** contagious.
- If your child has a fever, they should remain home until they have been fever free with no fever reducing medications for at least 72 hours. This is to be very safe as fever is a COVID-19 symptom
- Children should not attend if they have an unidentified rash that could be due to a viral illness.
- Please keep young children with excessive nasal discharge or cough home to prevent spread of colds.

COVID-19

The following are symptoms of COVID-19

- Cough •
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing •
- Chills •
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain •
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

- If a child develops any symptom listed above during school hours, their parent or guardian will be immediately contacted and asked to pick up the child immediately. Parents should have an individual listed as an emergency contact on their registration who is able to pick up a child immediately if they become ill.
- Temperatures will be taken at arrival using a no-touch thermometer, and any child with a temperature of 99 or higher will not be allowed to attend until they have been fever free, **without** the use of fever reducing medications, for 72 hours.
- If the child or any member of a child's household has a symptom of COVID as listed above or a positive COVID-19 test, the child may not attend school until the symptoms are resolved and the quarantine period is over.
- Anyone who lives in a household where a member has been asked to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure may not attend until the quarantine period is over.

If you have a suspected Covid case, your child may return to class when all 3 of the following conditions have been met:

1. It has been at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms
2. Individual no longer has coronavirus symptoms
3. Individual has been fever free with no fever reducing medications for at least 72 hours

ALLERGIES

1. Running eyes & nasal discharge are usually symptoms of allergies rather than COVID-19. If your child has allergies that lead to frequent coughing, please provide a letter from your doctor stating the child has allergies for us to have on file.
2. If your child has a preexisting medical condition that causes them to run a low grade fever, please provide a letter from your doctor.

IN THE CLASSROOM

1. Changes will be made to have less intermixing between groups and less class rotations, especially between the younger and older students.
2. PreK has a designated classroom and will not rotate into other rooms. K/1 has a designated classroom and will not rotate into other rooms. Grade 2/3 will have 2 rooms assigned to that group and may rotate between those 2 rooms only.
3. Students will have assigned desks/seating and individual sets of supplies.
4. Staff will wear masks during indoor instructional time.
5. PreK- 1st grade students will not wear masks.
6. Students in grades 2-3 will wear masks but will have more frequent unmasked seated activities. They will be asked to wear masks in certain situations, for example group activities where children are very close together or out loud reading /singing activities.
7. Students in grade 4 + will be asked to wear masks during indoor instructional time. Multiple recess and outdoor times will be available for breaks. Students will not wear masks during outdoor activities.
8. Students will have staggered recess and lunch breaks with smaller groups instead of the entire school.
9. Students will eat lunch with their class either in their classrooms or outside.
10. Classroom policies may change to the current best practices recommended by local governments and health organizations. Parents will be notified of any changes.

SANITATION

1. Building is cleaned by a cleaning service nightly using disinfectant cleaners. This includes bathrooms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be provided in all classrooms and designated hand washing times will be provided as well.
3. Desks will be sprayed or wiped down with disinfectant between class groups.