

School Opening – 2020/2021 Frequently Asked Questions

As we begin a new school year, things will be different as we navigate COVID-19 safely. We know many of you may have questions and thought this may help to answer a few of them. If you have a question you think should be included, please let us know!

Will my child have to wear a mask?

Wearing a mask is a decision you make as a family and will be respected by all. Wearing a mask is not recommended due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes.

Is the school providing masks?

Students will receive a mask that will be sent home when supplies are available. Instructions on proper mask use will be attached for families to review with your child.

What are the health and safety measures being taken at the school?

- *All staff and students will be required to complete a Daily Health Check prior to coming to school. When showing COVID-19 like symptoms, we ask that they stay home.*
- *Staff and students will practice frequent hand washing. (Any time entering/exiting school, classroom, touching face, using shared items within their learning group, etc.)*
- *Students are placed into learning groups to minimize the number of people they interact with.*
- *Students will not have physical contact with one another*
- *All adults will physically distance; when not possible, they will wear masks.*
- *Increased cleaning and disinfecting by our custodians.*
- *Staggered Recess & Lunch times – this is to limit the number of students outside at one time to minimize the amount of people that they interact with.*

What is a learning group?

At Central, our learning groups are 2 classes that are similar grade levels. These groups can do activities, have recess & lunch, and interact with each other.

When does school start?

Students will start on Thursday, Sept 10th from 8:20-10:00am. Friday, Sept. 11th will be our first regular day!

How will I know what class my child is in?

Teachers will be contacting families on Sept. 9th to introduce themselves and give you more information. We will also continue with our usual ways and post class lists outside.

Where does my child line up in the mornings?

There will be cones with teacher names on them. These will be outside one of our 3 entrances. This is where your child will line up each morning and be dismissed from. To take extra care, we ask that students arrive close to the bell and be picked up promptly.

Will the breakfast, lunch and Starfish Backpack Programs be running?

YES! They are tentatively scheduled to begin late September.

I'm still feeling nervous about sending my child. What are my options?

First and foremost, give us a call – we want to hear your concerns and give you the details you are seeking to help make the best decision for your family.

- *Learn from Home: Transition Support – This program lets you stay connected with Central while receiving support from an online teacher for Literacy, Numeracy and Core Competencies. This is a short term program.*
- *Hybrid – This program is for the school year. It combines face to face instruction with online learning and covers the full curriculum.*

We appreciate your patience and support during these times. We are looking forward to starting our new school year safely at Central!