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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. *Will there be a common online learning platform?*

-- Yes, teachers will use Google Classroom as their virtual classroom in grades PreSchool to eighth grade.

2. *Can I change my mind and opt-out or opt-in (in-person or all virtual)?*

-- Yes, after the first marking period (November 8) families can change from virtual to in-person. Please notify the school in writing (letter or email) on or before October 16, 2020. Students can opt out of in-person and switch to virtual learning at any time. Please allow classroom and virtual teachers 24 hours to make adjustments before virtual meetings begin.

3. *What will happen if a virtual teacher is absent? Will there be a substitute?*

-- If a virtual teacher is absent, you will be notified by the teacher, and "live" virtual classes (i.e., Zoom) will most likely be canceled. It is unlikely that a substitute teacher will be able to conduct a virtual lesson. Content videos introducing new content should still be viewed and Google Classroom assignments completed.

4. *Will my child have the same teacher(s) throughout the school year?*

-- Due to constantly changing circumstances related to COVID-19 safety precautions, students are not guaranteed to have the same teacher(s) throughout the entire school year. Changes may occur after the first marking period and/or when CMS returns to the pre-COVID-19 schedule.

5. *Will the District provide a face covering?*

-- Yes, but it is recommended that you supply an extra in case it is damaged or is misplaced. Your child must come to school the first day with a face covering on.

6. *Are face coverings required outside?*

-- Yes, unless they are directed by school staff that it is safe to remove their mask. Staff will make sure all students are socially distanced before allowing students to remove

masks. It is especially important that masks are worn during drop off and pick up because there is so much movement in and around the building.

7. *Are face shields permitted?*

-- Yes, but only in addition to masks. Face shields alone are not permitted.

8. *If my child cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition, can they still come to school?*

-- Yes. If your child is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition, a doctor's note should be submitted to the school nurse before the start of school.

9. *What happens if a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19?*

-- If student or staff shows symptoms in school the following steps will happen

- a. They go into isolation
- b. Have further evaluation from school Nurse
- c. Exit building directly from isolation room
- d. Go to Urgent Care for expedited testing
- e. School contact traces all who were in contact
- f. All who were in contact informed of any positive tests
- g. Those in close contact, self isolate for 14-days from last known exposure.
- h. Anyone who tests positive and has symptoms is unable to return until a doctor documents he/she is safe to return to school.

-- Students in self isolation due to exposure will participate in virtual learning from home.

-- Along with a doctor's note, students should have no symptoms before returning to school.

10. *Can I request technology?*

-- Yes, Chromebooks are available for students who need technology at home. The school district also has wifi hotspots if a household does not have internet access.

11. *Will I need workbooks and textbooks for full virtual learning?*

-- Yes. Parents will be asked to pick up resources that will be required for full virtual learning from the front vestibule by the Main Office on St. Louis Ave.

12. *Will my student meet the teacher and see the classroom before school starts?*

-- Teachers will be reaching out to families to set up Zoom meetings with students next week in grades Preschool through 3rd grade. Students will be able to meet their teacher and take a peek at their classroom online. All virtual teachers will also be reaching out to meet their virtual students in all grades. The virtual teachers will be talking about the schedule and expectations.

13. *Will attendance be required on virtual days?*

-- Yes, students will be required to check-in on Google Classroom. Attendance will be

documented by the online support teacher.

14. *What happens if I can't do virtual learning sessions due to daycare/job?*

-- Virtual learning will include a combination of activities, such as pre-recorded lessons and online/offline activities. These can be done outside or within school hours. Live lessons via Zoom will also be offered, but unfortunately, will only be offered during school hours. When possible, the live lessons will be recorded and able to be viewed at a later time.

15. *How do I contact my teacher?*

-- The best way to reach teachers is by email. Other forms of communication (phone call or Zoom conference) can be scheduled for later times. However, email is the best way for initial communication with teachers.

16. *Will my child still have a snack?*

-- We are requesting parents (PK-4th) provide a healthy, individually wrapped snack daily for their child. All snacks must be individually packaged. If providing snacks for a birthday or celebration please schedule through the classroom teacher. Birthday snacks are not to be dropped off at school by parents and must be scheduled with classroom teachers in advance.

17. *Will my child have special area classes?*

-- Yes, students will have access to special area classes. Special area teachers will upload activities within grade spans: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 onto Google Classroom for students to complete. If a family has any questions regarding an activity, we ask that you email the special area teacher directly. All staff emails can be accessed at: <https://www.crestmem.edu/domain/55>

18. *What are the accommodations for special education and ESL students?*

-- Special education and ESL services will be provided by the appropriate staff. Please reach out to Donna Groom, Supervisor of the Child Study Team, for more information regarding special education and Dianne McDevitt for ESL Support. Email addresses listed here: <https://www.crestmem.edu/domain/55>

19. *Will my children be going on field trips?*

-- There will be no field trips for the foreseeable future.

20. *Are parents allowed in the school building?*

-- Until further notice, school parties, fundraisers, and classroom helper activities are canceled. We are also asking parents to try and limit visits to the school by ensuring your child(ren) have all their necessary belongings upon arrival (i.e.) gym shoes, homework, lunches, etc.

21. *What should I do with my child for arrival in the morning?*

-- We are asking parents to direct their children to come into the building as quickly and efficiently as possible. There will be ample staff to assist your child in finding their way to their classroom. Please have your child wear his or her opening day stickers for the first three days of school. Stickers will be sent home with CMS's opening letter.

22. *How do I pick up my child(ren) at the end of the day?*

-- Grades PK3 through Five: Parents should go to the classroom door or the end of the hallway door where the children enter the building. This is on the map being sent home in CMS's Opening Letter. There will be letters on your child(ren)'s homeroom doors for parents to identify their child(ren)'s classroom. Teachers will release your child(ren) when they see you. We are asking that parents try to social distance and wear a mask at pick up. Please refrain from parent/ teacher discussions at pick up and make an appointment by email if you need to talk to your child(ren)'s teacher.

23. *Will there be enrichment for the students?*

-- Students have not had in-person learning since last March, and we are going to begin enrichment activities during the second marking period. During the first marking period we will be focused on reacclimating students to in person schooling. We will assess and place students who need extra support or enrichment in the appropriate programs beginning in the 2nd marking period.

24. *What if my child does not have a bathroom in his or her classroom?*

-- Any students who do not have a bathroom in their classroom will have to use a common area bathroom. In order to ensure proper social distancing, students will be allowed in the bathroom one at a time. If a student is having an emergency, he or she will be permitted to use one of the bathrooms in the Library or Nurse's Office.

Thank you for considering CMS's safety precautions, as well as sharing your questions and concerns that made putting this FAQ page together. For CMS to remain open for in person schooling, we are relying on parents to help us make sure all necessary safety precautions are being followed. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school shortly and we know with a strong home-school partnership, we'll have another outstanding school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at 609-522-1522.