

Health and Safety

Village School, along with the rest of the Great Neck School District, is committed to giving all students the best possible education allowable considering the times and circumstances in which we find ourselves. Safety will be the number one priority as we proceed through these uncharted waters. To that end, the following health and safety policies have been put in place by both the district and/or Village School:

- 1 - All parent meetings (PTA, Support Group, Open School Night, etc.) will take place via ZOOM or any acceptable remote platform, rather than in person in the building.
- 2 - Campus will be closed for students throughout the day until further notice. This creates the need for students to bring lunch (preferably without the need for refrigeration or heat) each time they attend school in person.
- 3 - All trips have been suspended. Physical Education credit will be earned differently during this time, using a combination of personal exercise, wellness activities, and nutrition curriculum.
- 4 - Masks must be worn at all times inside the school building by students and staff. Neck gaiters, bandanas, and masks with vents are unacceptable. Social distancing (six feet) must be adhered to whenever possible by students and staff.
- 5 - Mask breaks will be allowed and encouraged whenever a student or staff member has the need. One will be permitted to leave the classroom and step outside the building to remove one's mask as many times as one feels the need.
- 6 - Masks will be provided daily along with hand sanitizer, although students and staff are permitted to use their own PPE, as long as it meets district guidelines mentioned in item number 4.
- 7 - A designated district employee or "monitor" will take the temperature of every student and staff member upon arrival before entering the building and again at noon.
- 8 - The designated monitor will be dealing with all things COVID-19., When not taking temperatures, the monitor will be continuously cleaning surfaces throughout the morning. The entire building will be sanitized by the custodial staff every day after school.
- 9 - Rooms have been measured to determine how many students plus one teacher can fit facing the same direction, six feet apart. Accordingly, seats will be clearly marked in each classroom, and students will have seating assignments in each class. Windows will be open when possible.
- 10 - When entering a room, the student furthest from the door will enter first. When exiting a room, the student closest to the door will exit first. When approaching a doorway, students will allow for six feet of distance between themselves and the other students.
- 11 - If a student exhibits any symptom of illness (fever, coughing, sneezing, stomach ache, etc.) they will immediately be escorted by the monitor to a designated isolation room for quarantine and immediate pick up.

12 - If a student exhibits any behavior deemed unsafe (removal of mask, unwillingness to properly social distance, etc.) they will immediately be escorted by the monitor to a second isolation room to await immediate pick up.

13 - If a student is brought to an isolation room for any reason, they must be picked up by a parent, guardian, or designee thereof, as soon as possible. The safety of the building depends upon your being prepared to pick your child up in a moment's notice if any potential health concern emerges. Please make "backup" arrangements in the event you are unavailable.

14 - Please check your child's temperature daily before sending them to school. If you notice any symptom of illness in either your child **or any member of your household**, do not send your child to school.

15 - The staff will encourage students to wash hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the day, especially prior to and immediately after lunch.

We are a team. We are all safer when we work together. Our community's safety depends entirely on how individual households conduct themselves. Village School implores you to follow CDC guidelines toward the safety of the students, staff, families, and community at large.