



October 9, 2020

East Windsor Parent Update

As we move into mid-October, I am very pleased to share that we have been able to remain in school so far. Staff and students continue to follow our protocols and the nursing staff has been doing an amazing job supporting our students and staff who present with any medically related needs. The custodial staff continues to provide us with a clean environment, following Department of Public Health guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting.

Please join me in sending a huge THANK YOU! To our nursing and custodial staff for all they are doing in this challenging set of circumstances.

I do need to remind all families that students are not to be sent to school if they are experiencing any signs of illness. Students who are not feeling well including those with fever, vomiting, diarrhea or any other new symptoms must be kept home and we ask you to contact the school nurse.

If students are sent to school and are found to have any symptoms of illness, families will be required to pick them up within 30 minutes and may be asked to keep them home following DPH guidelines.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep the East Windsor school community as safe and healthy as possible!



Please check the Re-Opening Information page of the East Windsor Public School website at www.eastwindsork12.org for updated resources related to COVID 19 and other issues related to the start of the new year.

Thank you

RETURNING TO “NORMAL”

A form was sent out to all families on Monday asking you to identify whether your child(ren) will remain with their current school attendance plan or if parents are making a change—such as moving from in person to fully remote or fully remote to in person—as we plan to increase student instructional days for in-person learning. It is important that you complete this form so we may more accurately identify class sizes and adjust process and procedure within our buildings. We also want to keep the bus company informed of how many students will be on the East Windsor bus runs.

As I shared last week in the Parent Update, as we look to increase the number of students in our buildings each day and consider what our schedule will look like going forward, our class sizes will increase. With increased class size, our ability to maintain social distancing will be reduced. The Department of Public Health has reminded us that as one mitigation factor becomes more challenging, the others become that much more important. Hand washing and mask wearing will be critical strategies for us as the distance between school community members decreases. It will also be critically important for all families to keep students with signs of any illness home.

We also need to be aware that the number of close contacts from one case would likely be higher with increased numbers of students—the result would be a higher number of students or staff requiring quarantine for 14 days. Families need to identify a plan in case your child has to quarantine or be part of a whole class that must be home for a period of time.

I have shared at BOE meetings that our high needs students will be scheduled to increase in-person learning first. Those are students who may have additional educational services or those with no Internet service at all. The template for our “ramping up” will be shared with the BOE on Oct 14 and then additional information will be shared with families. A hybrid model will not be available for students once their grade or school have moved to a 4 day, in-person schedule.

The administrative team is taking care to consider all the factors related to our students, staff and logistics as we share our plan.

Thank you in advance for your help and understanding.

Public on School Grounds

Please be reminded that members of the public are not allowed on school grounds while school activities are continuing or students are in session. This includes during athletic practices or the presence of FRC on site. This is for the safety of all of our students. Thank you so much

FREE THERMOMETERS!

If a family would like a free digital thermometer please email or call your school nurse and we will send them home with their child!!

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SEE SAW HELP

Broad Brook families—there is a very helpful video about how to use SeeSaw on the Broad Brook page of the East Windsor Public Schools website.

Please check it out!

HOW TO CONTACT I.T.

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A reminder, our IT staff will exhaust all remote options to assist with technical difficulties before assisting in person—this is to maintain our social distancing and to reduce having many hands touching a device. This can include support for accessing Portals or Teams. We will also include video tutorials for parents on the Reopening page.

Thank you