



WOODLYNNE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Woodlynne School Families:

On June 26, 2020, Governor Murphy released *The Road Back--Restart and Recovery Plan for Education*, a guide to help schools prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. In the plan, schools are required to prepare for in-person learning. On July 24, 2020, Governor Murphy amended the plan to allow for families to have a choice for either in-person learning or 100% remote learning.

Governor Murphy's plan, *The Road Back*, relies heavily on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It is the goal of the guidance provided by the CDC to **DECREASE** the spread of COVID 19 as there is not yet a way to end the spread of the virus.

Since the release of *The Road Back*, I have met with teachers, community members, board members, school administrators, area superintendents and surveyed our families to create the Woodlynne School's reopening plan. The plan was created using the most up to date information available at the time from the CDC, American Association of Pediatrics (AAP), Camden County Department of Health (CCDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and Governor Murphy's office. The plan is designed to offer flexibility as more information becomes available.

The governor's plan also states that families need to be made aware of the school district's individual plan 4 weeks prior to the start of the school year. The Woodlynne School year will begin September 8, 2020 in some capacity. It is the goal of this letter to share with you our plan as it is written to today. This is not the final plan, rather it is a blueprint on which you can use to start planning for September. It is important to keep in mind that this plan may change as more data is collected. I will update the Woodlynne community with more detail as I become aware of changing information.

If school were to open today, our plan would allow the following choices:

- **100% Remote Learning:** In this option students will **NOT** come into the building. Students will learn at home using a computer, textbooks, workbooks, iready, videos and some teacher sessions. Students will have a schedule to follow and will have to log in during assigned times. District computers will be available to all students. Some work may have to be picked up or dropped off once a week. Attendance will be taken daily. Meals will be available to all students.
- **Hybrid Option:** In this option students will come to school for a minimum of 2 -- 1/2 days per week. Students will come to school at 8:00 AM and be dismissed at 12:30 PM. Students will be assigned to come either Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday. On days your learner is not in school, they will follow a remote (at home) schedule. On remote days, learners will have assigned times that they will need to log into a class. Monday will be a flex day with Grades 1 & 2 coming in for 2.5 hours of either a morning session (8:00AM to 10:30AM) or an afternoon session (12PM to 2:30PM). Students not in school will attend remote sessions. Attendance will be taken. Meals will be provided for all students.

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- **FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY:** Your learner will also have two choices. **Choice one:** is 100% remote learning. **Choice two:** Your learner will attend school for 5 days a week for a 2.5 hour session that will be either in the AM or the PM session. The benefit is a 5 day in person learning experience.

Additional information to help guide your decision:

- The 2020-2021 school year will be very different from previous school years. The school year will not end the way it starts. It is **important to remain flexible**.
- The school will implement socially distancing, mask wearing and strict hand washing policies for all in person learning. Desks will be 6 feet apart with a sneeze guard, all desks will face the front of the room, students will wear masks when moving about the building. They will be allowed to take them off when they are at their seats.
- Teachers and staff will wear masks all day while in the building
- All students will stay in the same classroom all day. Teachers will move about the building, not students.
- Meals will be provided but not eaten in school.
- If you choose 100% remote learning, you can **change** your placement at the **end of the first marking period (early November)**.
- If you choose the hybrid, you may move to 100% remote learning. However, you will not be able to come back to in-person learning until the end of the first marking period.
- Some Hybrid students may have to quarantine for 2 weeks due to travel restrictions or exposure to COVID 19. Remote Learning will be available to students quarantining. At the end of the quarantine period they may return to in-person learning.
- For families who choose the Hybrid option, they will have to complete a daily health check at home and second one at school, to include a temperature check.
- The district has adopted an enhanced cleaning and sanitizing schedule to ensure all high traffic areas will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom. After everyone has left the building for the day, the building will undergo a deep cleaning to include electrostatic sprayers.
- **Childcare is going to be a challenge.** Families are encouraged to start exploring options now. Students will not be allowed on school grounds or in the building before 8:00 AM. At the beginning of the year, there will not be after school activities.

After reading this letter, please complete the [Educational Commitment Form](#) located on the **school website**. The form needs to be **completed by August 2, 2020**. About a week after completing the form, you will receive a letter from the school containing more specific details in regards to your learner's placement. You will need to complete the form for **EACH** learner in your household.

Please know that it is our wish to have all students in school for 5, full time days. Unfortunately, that is not yet possible. Student and teacher safety is our first priority. We can not sacrifice public health at the expense of educational health. Our plan is conservative and allows for flexibility. The district will continue to assess current data and trends in regards to COVID-19 and will communicate any changes to the plan in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school at 856-962-8822. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Stay safe,
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Superintendent

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