



TOWNHALL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS 7/16/20

Grahamwood @ School Questions

What will be the class size? How will you ensure social distancing measures in the classroom?

Class sizes will be limited to the extent possible. However, students will be seated 6ft apart in every classroom. All “extra” furniture has been removed to allow for this. Markers will also be on the floor in the classrooms and in the halls. We will post a virtual tour to “show” parents what this looks like before school starts.

Will there be staggered entry into the classroom to allow students to practice social distancing when hanging up backpacks, lunches, jackets/coats? Will parents be able to walk in?

Students will not bring backpacks this year and coats will be either hung on the backs of chairs or on hooks (no lockers). We are working on a plan for staggered entry and dismissal. This will be by grade and will take into account sibling groups. A full arrival dismissal plan will be available in the coming weeks. We will encourage all parents to enter the car line for arrival and dismissal (this is for the safety of all). Parents will not be able to walk their students into the building.

How will recess and restroom breaks be handled?

All breaks will be scheduled. A hall monitor will be available for emergency restroom breaks.

Will students eat in the classroom? Who will be responsible to cleaning/sanitizing the classroom daily if children will be eating lunch in the classroom?

Students will eat both breakfast and lunch in the classroom. Custodial staff, classroom teachers, and administrators will assist with cleaning.

Will students be required to wear masks all day long or can they remove them once settled at their desk and 6 feet apart from others?

This will ultimately be a district decision. Students will need a clean mask for each day of the week and will wear them throughout the day. Parents should “practice” mask wearing with their students.

Will temperatures be taken every day? Even in the rain?

Yes. Temperature checks will occur every day.

Will Grahamwood have enough hand soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels throughout the school year?

Yes. The district is working hard to ensure that we are fully stocked. In addition, cleaning crews will have a specific cleaning schedule (that will be posted).

How will after care be conducted to reduce exposure with peers you haven't been with all day?

More details on aftercare will be coming soon.

Will the students be wearing uniforms this year?

Yes. Uniform lists will be posted on August 1.

When will the supply lists for each grade be available?

Supply lists for both Virtual and In-person options will be posted on the website on August 1. Students will NOT bring backpacks in the first semester. Homework will be primarily virtual and individual supplies will be kept in a plastic tub in the classroom. There will not be community supplies.

Will extra activities such as Spanish class be available?

No in-person extra curricula activities will be available in the fall. YCARE and Aftermath will be.

Will we be notified if a student or faculty is diagnosed with COVID-19? Or if my child was in contact based on the CDC guidelines? How do you plan to deal with illness when it happens? Will students be penalized for missing school due to illness or quarantine?

A list of specific protocols will be coming soon. However, students will not have COVID-19 related absences count against them.

How will support classes work? In person? Will students share instruments, supplies, touch each other during PE?

We are working on a support class plan. Students will not travel to support classes and will not share instruments, supplies or touch each other at any time.

Will there be a GEAR UP Day? When and how will we find out teacher assignments?

A GEAR UP day is scheduled but will likely be virtual. We will share class lists on that day.

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