

OUTREACH

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Dear OCE Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying your summer. I wanted to touch base with you regarding our plans for the upcoming school year, including our COVID response. Above all, I believe it is vital that we as a family of Believers unify regarding these issues pervading our world today.

As Believers, we know that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). So, what does this mean for us?

OCE has developed an action plan that allows us to continue to nurture the physical, mental, emotional, and academic well-being of the precious students in our care.

At this time, we plan to start in-person school on Wednesday, August 26th.

1. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., students may be dropped off outside the building with the designated teacher. Students will then enter the building and will immediately be directed to the hand-washing station. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building (beyond the time clock) without an appointment. Students may then be picked up outside between 3:15-3:30 (jr. high & high school) and 3:30-3:45 (elementary). Students left outside of these time frames will be sent to before or after-school care and will be assessed a childcare fee due upon pick-up. Jr. high and high school students are ineligible for childcare and will be directed to the office to remain until pick-up.
2. Students will practice proper hand washing throughout the day.
3. Elementary students will NOT be required to wear masks, but may do so, if they wear them appropriately, and the masks to not become disruptive. Jr. High and High School students will be asked to wear masks during passing periods to safeguard themselves in close quarters. ***PLEASE NOTE*** Masks must be solid-colored uniform colors (red, black, white, navy, or gray). They may also wear plain, disposable masks.
4. Our desks are uniquely designed to provide barriers between students, and social distancing will be followed as closely as possible in all other classes in which student "offices" are not present.
5. Transition times will be staggered as much as possible to permit social distancing in the hallways.
6. Teachers and staff will be asked to wear masks when working one-on-one with students.
7. **If anyone in your household has been diagnosed with or directly exposed to COVID-19, your OCE student must stay home from school for a 10-day period (in accordance with updated CDC guidelines) and is fever-free for 24-hours, or until he/she receives a negative COVID-19 test. In this instance, please notify Ms. Bullard or Mrs. Kathy Taylor IMMEDIATELY. Please help us by keeping other families and staff healthy and safe.**

8. If an employee has been directly exposed to COVID-19 or is sick, he/she will not return to school until cleared by a doctor to do so or after a 10-day quarantine period and being fever-free for 24-hours, or upon the receipt of a negative COVID-19 test.
8. Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, if a student develops a fever or exhibits flu-like symptoms, that student will be required to remain home for 3 days. After the 3-day observation period, students may return to school only after being fever-free for 24-hours and not exhibiting any new symptoms.
9. Homeschool options have been expanded, and a new homeschool coordinator (Mrs. Bridgette Nelson) has been appointed, to assist families with homeschooling if they should desire that route.

Ultimately, we desire to do what is right for our students. Obviously, these are tumultuous times for all, and we know decisions can be difficult. Please know that we support you and love you all. We consistently seek God's guidance on how best to handle the new "normal" of life, and we appreciate your feedback, patience, support, and prayers, as we strive to provide the very best for our OCE family. Please contact myself, or Mrs. Kathy Taylor with any questions you may have. Additionally, these guidelines are subject to revision, as we work out the "kinks" and as new mandates are issued by governing authorities.

May God continue to bless you and yours. We look forward to seeing all of our kiddos and families SOON!

Blessings,

Jessica Bullard
Principal