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2020/2021 School Year Procedures

While many parents are waiting to see what large school districts will do in reference to resuming school in the fall, we can tell you about what MDE has always done.

Our students learn differently and are already provided with more space than in a traditional educational setting. So, as we all look to the fall, know that the MDE School's 4:1 student to teacher ratio has always been in place, allowing our students to have the space they need for educational success. This ratio also makes social distancing a natural fit and allows our staff to be vigilant in their cleaning of high touch areas. Fall 2020 will be yet another opportunity to demonstrate the incredible potential of all learners. From 1-1 academics to small groups for life skills lessons to our vibrant elective offerings, we are excited to continue working with our wonderful students. Our staff will be trained to ensure that the following protocols are strictly followed:

We will be following CDC and state guidelines. In some instances, we are doing more than is required to be sure all children and staff are as safe as possible.

1. All children and staff will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at the car. No one will be allowed in if their temperature is 100.4 or above.
2. If your child has a runny nose, cough, or congestion they will be sent home and you must pick them up immediately. They will remain in a room upstairs with a staff member until you arrive. They will be brought down to you from the steps by carpool.
3. If your child is sent home, they may not return until they are fever free for 72 hours without the help of medication and may need to stay home for at least 10 days.
4. No parents will be allowed in the building. We are limiting access to staff and children only. We will come to your car to get your child, please remain in your car and we will take care of your child. They will get their temperature taken at the car and then come in the building and get hand sanitizer and then wash their hands prior to entering classroom.
5. All teachers and staff will be wearing masks at all times with the exception of during lunch and snack time.
6. Children may wear a mask if they will keep it on. Please label the mask and send in a Ziploc bag to put it into for storage. It is NOT required that your child wear a mask.
7. Label all clothing items, lunch items and containers clearly. If they are not marked we will have to mark them so there are no mix ups with lunch boxes, etc.
8. Please send your child with disposable silverware so it can be tossed at the end of snack or lunch. No utensils or containers will be cleaned at school.
9. Label extra clothing items and place in a baggie with their name on it. All children need a set of extra clothes just in case there is an accident of any sort. Label all jackets, sweaters etc... Label any pull-ups or diapers and put them in a baggie with your child's name on it.
10. There will be no toys from home allowed into the building.
11. Children will be social distanced inside their classroom as well as on the playground. The playground will be properly sanitized between groups.
12. Each child will have their own space and not moving around to different desks.
13. Each child will be using their own supplies that they bring at the start of school year.
14. Desks or tables will be sanitized before and after eating as well as several times during the day.
15. Bathrooms and door handles will be sanitized as well to take every safety precaution possible at a minimum of every 2 hours.
16. Please sign and return the waiver provided. I assure you this is customary and Greater Atlanta Speech and Language Clinic will be asking you to sign one as well. We are committed to having an extremely safe environment and assure you all precautions are being taken.