



THE WYNDCROFT SCHOOL

RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN

2020-2021



INTRODUCTION

The emergence of the coronavirus pandemic in late 2019 and its global spread through early 2020 forced Wyndcroft, like other schools around the world, to reevaluate nearly every aspect of its educational practices. Across the School, teachers, staff, parents, and students have demonstrated extraordinary resilience in adapting to new and often challenging conditions. As health conditions improve in Pennsylvania, and businesses and schools prepare to reopen, we look forward to once again welcoming students, faculty, and staff back to campus.

We understand that this transition back to school may come with concerns and complexities, and we are committed to reorienting your children to the new school year in the safest and most supportive way possible.

Important dates to know:

- ♦ July 10 Initial Reopening Plan
- ♦ August 21 Additional Reopening Updates and Orientation Information
- ♦ September 8 Orientation Day
- ♦ September 9 First Day of School

ABOUT OUR APPROACH

Wyndcroft recognizes that the ideal teaching and learning environment is one in which students and teachers are able to interact with each other face-to-face. We also recognize the vital importance of creating a campus environment that addresses the health and safety concerns of our students, faculty, and staff. Our Return to Campus Plan seeks to do both; providing a roadmap for our community to follow in the months ahead.

This plan represents the thoughtful work that includes a robust set of stringent health and safety measures. It is also a plan that is designed to allow the School to adapt to the changing conditions of the pandemic and still provide for the continuous education of our students.

**At all times, we will adjust our school operations and teaching
to public health conditions.**

While it is difficult to predict the ways in which our current health context might change in the future, one thing is constant – our steadfast commitment to the ongoing growth and learning of our students. Across the School, our dedicated faculty and staff are redoubling their efforts to prepare for the new school year. We cannot wait to see your children again, and we look forward to a healthy and successful year ahead.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These four principles helped guide our return to campus planning. These principles speak to our Mission and are also geared with what we have learned from our experience with remote learning this spring and the feedback received from our parents.

SAFETY

Wyndcroft's highest priority is the health and well-being of our community. A healthy environment is ultimately a secure environment, one in which students and teachers can thrive. At all times we will seek to align with PA Dept. of Health and the CDC guidelines.

ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

The Wyndcroft School recognizes the optimal learning environment for children is one in which they are learning from their teachers and classmates in person. To the best of our ability, and aligning with official health guidelines, we will seek to provide as much on-campus instruction as possible for all students every day.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

While health and safety considerations may necessitate certain changes or restrictions to student life, our ultimate goal is to support our students' learning and development. A continuous educational experience of academic excellence prepares our students for the modern world.

FLEXIBILITY

The strength of Wyndcroft is the ability to remain flexible and adapt to circumstances beyond our control. We are committed to a learning structure that can adapt to possibilities for future Coronavirus infections while maintaining as much on-campus, in-person instruction as possible.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

The school day and our classrooms are also being reimagined with new schedules and space allocations. Grade level cohorts are designed to minimize the risk of transmission and to work within the different levels of alert listed below. In the event of infections on campus, this will enable us to have the affected cohort learn from home for a period of time without requiring that the entire campus close.

Classrooms and other areas are being reviewed and prepped to ensure that all students will have the best learning experience. Given the uncertainty of the health situation in our community and on campus, we are committed to providing the necessary resources for students to learn no matter the circumstances. Classrooms are being set up with additional technology, including cameras and 1:1 deployment of tech devices for grades K through 8, should we need to pivot to remote learning.

LEVEL OF ALERT	GENERAL CONDITIONS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
0	Pre-pandemic conditions	No restrictions with schedule, groupings, or activities
1 (Low)	Infections remain low No known cases at Wyndcroft Families and staff closely following safety protocols Confidence in control of pandemic	Campus is open All students on campus PPE safety measures Limited cohort mixing
2 (Moderate)	Infections low but starting to increase Possible cases in school community Uncertainty in control of pandemic	Campus is open All students on campus Elevated PPE safety measures Reductions in cohort mixing
3 (Heightened)	New infections increasing Confirmed cases in school community Families and staff struggling to follow safety protocols Waning control of pandemic	Campus is open Blend of on-campus and at-home teaching and learning Elevated PPE safety measures Full cohort restriction
4 (High)	Poorly controlled transmission Multiple new cases in school community Necessary school closure	Campus is closed except for essential staff Remote learning for all students

SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

The health and safety of our community is Wyndcroft's highest priority. The following is a list of safety measures that we are planning to put in place, regardless of our alert level. Further details about these and other safety measures will be shared in our upcoming communications.

FACE COVERINGS	Students and employees will wear face coverings throughout the school day. Send your child to school with a face mask every day.
SOCIAL DISTANCING	Movement on campus will be controlled and directed to reduce the mixing of student cohorts. In classrooms, students will be seated with spacing to minimize transmission risk but allowed to interact more closely for limited periods with additional safety measures and greater supervision in place.
GRADE LEVEL COHORTS	Academic schedules and classroom use will be designed to keep students in consistent groups during the day. This will reduce the risk of viral transmission and allow for grade level cohorts to quarantine in the event of infection without requiring that the entire campus to close.
HAND HYGIENE	Students and faculty will follow a regular schedule of hand washing or use of hand sanitizer throughout the day. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available in every classroom and building entrance to ensure regular access.
ENHANCED CLEANING	Daily cleaning practices will be compliant with CDC recommendations, including the types of cleaning products used and the frequency of cleaning. Special attention will be paid to the cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.
HEALTH SCREENING	Regular temperature and symptoms screening will be conducted for all students, employees, and visitors to campus. Students with symptoms will be separated from other students, and parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange pick-up within the hour. School guidelines regarding sick policies for students and employees will be strictly enforced.
QUARANTINE AND CONTACT TRACING	If a student or employee has a COVID-19 infection, school officials will support the Department of Health's efforts for contact tracing and enforcing quarantining of those infected and their contacts. Provisions will be made to support continuity of learning from home during quarantine periods.
LUNCH/SNACK	We anticipate that menu options will be reduced in the fall. Students in grades 1-8 are asked to provide their own snacks and a reusable water bottle. More information will be provided later in the summer.

OTHER SAFE CLASSROOM PRACTICES

1:1 deployment of tech devices for students in K-8 classrooms. Teaching methods will be adjusted to minimize shared equipment or learning materials.

SELF-CARE AND WELL-BEING

Classroom practices will provide greater attention to student mental health and well-being through Responsive Classroom and Advisory practices.

FIELD TRIPS

All off-campus trips will be suspended.

VISITORS

Visitors to campus will be limited. All visitors, including parents, will be screened upon arrival. In elevated levels, visitors may be required to make an appointment prior to arrival. (These provisions will not apply to parents simply picking up children)

TRAVEL

Wyndcroft community members should avoid unnecessary travel. It is recommended families practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings 2 weeks prior to the start of school.

LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS

Based on guidance from State Health Officials, all large group gatherings will be held virtually. Chapels, assemblies, and performances will be live streamed to classrooms.



ACADEMIC PLANNING AND SCHEDULES (EC-8)

Prior to the start of school, your family will receive information about your child's teacher(s) room assignment or class schedule. In order to avoid the mixing of grade level cohorts, the movement of students between classrooms will be limited throughout the day. Maintaining the excellence of our academic program, faculty will move between classrooms mitigating risk for students.

EC - PRE-KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Students will remain in the Early Learning Center throughout the school day. Drop off and pick up will be from the parking lot off Rosedale Drive.

K- 4 LOWER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The schedule is redesigned to maintain opportunities for courses that were previously held in shared classrooms to self-contained rooms, providing the consistent delivery of core subjects and to incorporate Specials Area content (Art, Music/Drama, Tech Integration, PE).

GRADES 5-8 UPPER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

This schedule allows students to experience the departmentalization of subject areas with modified areas of movement throughout the building. Lockers will be in close proximity to cohort classrooms.

ATHLETICS/PHYSICAL EDUCATION 6-8

Athletics plays an important role in the educational experience of our students. Athletic offerings will operate in a modified context with more detail available later in the summer.

RECESS AND OUTDOOR PLAY

Opportunities for play outdoors remain vital to our students' health and well-being. Every cohort, EC-8, will have planned opportunities to play and learn outside. These activities will be scheduled and supervised to maintain safe conditions for our students.

LEARNING COMMONS

While access to the shared space of the Learning Commons will be restricted, access to technology and library books will continue. Safe procedures will be implemented for students to select and borrow books regularly.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

No on-campus after school extra-curricular club opportunities will be offered in the fall season. We will continue to evaluate these offerings each trimester.

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF FAMILIES

Families play a vital role in maintaining safety on campus. The number one safety measure is to keep a child home if they are sick. We want to work with families to support their child's adherence to safety measures while they are on campus as well as at home.

As a community that prioritizes health and safety, we must all do our part to adhere to state health recommendations and regulations to control transmission and potential future outbreaks. Moreover, there may be times when we ask families to comply with broader safety measures and we greatly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

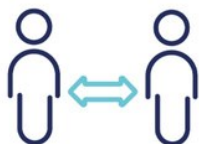
All members of the Wyndcroft community have a responsibility to prevent the spread of illness to keep students and staff safe.

By enrolling your child at Wyndcroft, you agree to the following requirements:



FOLLOW FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ORDERS

All families are expected to follow the directives regarding social distancing in public and other measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



COVID-19 TESTING AND NOTIFICATION

If your child or someone in your household test positive for COVID-19, you must notify the **School Nurse** as soon as possible. If anyone in your household has been notified by the Health Department they were in contact with an individual infected with COVID-19, you are asked to notify the School Nurse.



STAY HOME IF SICK

If your child is sick, you are expected to keep them home from school. Further details regarding these guidelines will be shared later this summer.

TRAVEL

Please avoid unnecessary travel. It is recommended families practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings two (2) weeks prior to the start of school.



TEMPERATURE CHECKING

Families are asked to monitor their household members for symptoms, including fever, and avoid bringing sick children to school. The School will regularly check temperatures of students upon arrival at school. If your child presents with a temp of 100.4 or higher, your child will be sent home.



FACE MASKS

Send your child to school with a face mask every day. Masks will be worn when entering and leaving or moving throughout the school building. Teach your child how to properly use and remove a face mask. Fabric masks should be cleaned regularly.



HYGIENE

Practice and reinforce good hygiene at home stressing the importance of frequent handwashing.



PERSONAL ITEMS

Limit the items your child brings to school each day and reinforce policies around the sharing of food, supplies, and other items with other students.

MEDICAL FORMS - EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Parents must complete and submit all required student medical forms prior to the first day of school. Parents must indicate two (2) emergency contacts who are able to pick up your child from the school within one (1) hour of receiving a call if your child presents with a temperature or becomes ill during the school day.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

We understand that you may likely have additional questions that have not been answered in this initial plan. Rest assured that more information will be forthcoming in our Reopening Update which will be sent in August. These documents will share further details about schedules, pick-up and drop-off, lunch services, sick guidelines and self-quarantine, the start of school, requirements regarding PPE, and more.

We look forward to our entire community returning to campus on September 9 for the first day of classes. Please reach out to [Mrs. Wolter](#) or [Mrs. Dunn](#) at any time and we can't wait to see you!

THE WYNDCROFT SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Wyndcroft School provides a dynamic and foundational education developing the whole child.

In a supportive community, the school fosters creativity, integrity, determination, love of learning and respect for others.

Our students become confident, self-advocating learners and leaders.