



Preparing for Pingry Anywhere: Pre-Reopening Checklist for Families

PINGRY ANYWHERE COMMUNITY PLEDGE

At Pingry, honor, character, and service to others aren't just catchphrases—they're our culture. As we face the challenges presented by COVID-19, we must keep in mind our responsibility to the community and our reliance on one another to provide a safe learning atmosphere for our students. We'll need to work together to mitigate the risk of virus transmission on campus and to practice safe behaviors off campus.

We ask all community members to:

1. Conduct daily symptom checks and be aware of the health of family members and those who you come in close contact with.
2. Accurately indicate your health status on our "[Pre-Arrival Health Screening Form](#)" each day, and do not come to school if you or someone in your household is symptomatic.
3. Learn Pingry's risk mitigation procedures and follow them closely.
4. Be diligent in developing and practicing our new behavioral norms, such as thoroughly washing your hands, wearing a face mask, and keeping a safe distance.
5. Stay up-to-date on COVID-related news and information.
6. Cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies in contact tracing efforts.
7. Pro-actively maintain the appropriate technology in each student's workspace.
8. Reach out to the appropriate school contact if you have any questions or need clarification on procedures.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE

Become familiar with the Pingry Anywhere model for the 2020-21 school year

- Explore [PingryAnywhere.org](https://pingryanywhere.org), including the FAQ section, and check back regularly for additional updates.
- Attend and/or watch your campus webinar(s) and read all incoming communication from the school.
- Talk to your child about how they feel about returning to school. Encourage them to connect with their peers and/or reach out to homeroom faculty, their advisor, or counselors for additional support ([Community Well-Being Resources](#)).
- Discuss whether in-person and/or remote learning would work best for your child and your family's situation.

- ❑ Familiarize yourself and your child with the adjusted Pingry Anywhere academic schedules ([Lower School](#), [Middle School](#), [Upper School](#)).

Prepare your child for in-person learning

- ❑ Discuss with your child the importance of community responsibility in keeping one other safe.
- ❑ Learn about new health and safety behavioral norms for returning to campus with your child ([Basking Ridge Campus](#) and [Short Hills Campus](#)).
- ❑ Practice the healthy habits at home before school starts:
 - ❑ Build up mask endurance by wearing your Pingry face mask and shield around the house.
 - ❑ Have a virtual “hang out” with friends and family to practice speaking to others with a mask.
 - ❑ Create hand hygiene habits of frequent and thorough hand-washing (e.g., humming “Happy Birthday” twice while washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds).
 - ❑ Help your child develop physical distancing awareness and practice how to ask for space.
- ❑ Buy a thermometer and test-run the daily [Pre-Arrival Health Screening Form](#), discussing the questions and practicing taking your child(ren)’s temperature.
- ❑ Help your child select their new ‘school’ clothing given the relaxed Dress Code to accommodate for comfort. Keep in mind that students will not be able to change for gym or sports.
- ❑ Create your arrival and dismissal plan(s), including [recording individuals who are authorized to pick up your children in Veracross](#). Please also consider what your transportation plans may be if your child needs to be picked up before dismissal (e.g., feeling unwell).
- ❑ [Register your child’s laptop on the Pingry network](#) ahead of time.

Prepare your home and child for remote learning

- ❑ Check your home WiFi / internet connection using the [Pingry Anywhere Home Internet Guide](#).
- ❑ Review the camera policy (i.e., cameras will be expected to be on for all students joining remotely and remain on for the duration of the synchronous class) with your child. For camera policy accommodations, please reach out to the respective Division Director (Lower School Director [Dr. Thu-Nga Morris](#), Middle School Director [Laurie Piette](#), or Upper School Director [Ananya Chatterji](#)) and/or the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion [Gilberto Olvera](#). For additional learning accommodations, please reach out to

the Assistant Lower School Director of Social Emotional Wellness [Dr. Alyssa Johns](#) or the Basking Ridge Learning Specialist [Marcy Cohen](#).

- ❑ Designate a place for your child to learn and study at home. A quiet, distraction-free environment (as conditions allow), with good lighting and a comfortable desk or table, will be optimal and helpful to ensure that your child can both hear and be heard.
- ❑ Test-run logging into a Zoom video conference call and practice the different functions (e.g., mute / unmute, camera on / camera off, chat). All students can login to Pingry's Zoom account by choosing the "Sign in with Google" option and using their Pingry credentials.
- ❑ Consider planning snack and lunch options in advance.

Volunteer with PSPA remotely

PSPA is working on remote volunteer opportunities and events to engage the parent and family community and support our faculty and staff. Fall visitors, including parents and guardians, will not be permitted in Pingry buildings on either campus with the exception of essential contractors and family members who are responding to a health emergency.

- ❑ If you are interested, please sign up using the [PSPA Volunteer Survey](#) and/or email PSPA-Volunteer@pingry.org with any questions or suggestions.