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SCHOOL  
NEW YORK

Feedback

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# Reopening 2020

# Where do we stand?

- We will open our school for in-person learning on September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - BUT we offer a remote alternative
- The state guidelines offer guidance but leave a great deal to the school.
- We need to find the best compromise for the many diverse expectations.
- The school is doing as much as we can, but we must remember that success requires a community effort.

# Reopening plan

- Our reopening plan guides our school through the process and is part of our school rules and regulations.
- This plan might be edited as we go along.
- While we try our very best to keep everybody safe, we cannot guarantee that – that's why we offer an alternative plus we will constantly revise.
- We all are part of this community.



# First week

- 3-day teacher training to prepare for the 'new normal'.
  - Staggered beginning as communicated in the newsletter.
  - Drop off and Pick up procedures will be trained, tested and revised.
  - Introductory week incl. training and time social/emotional exchange.
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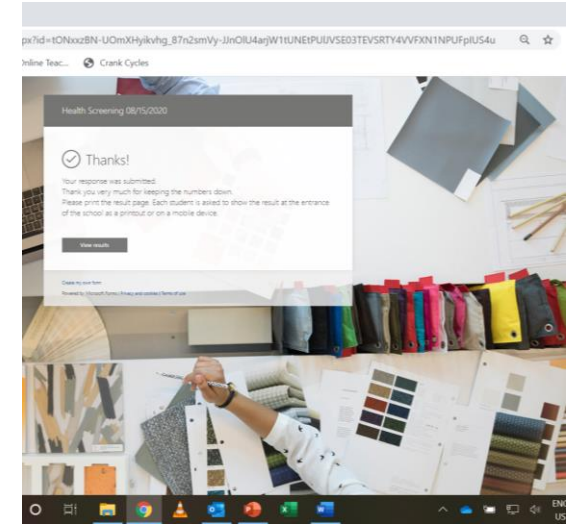
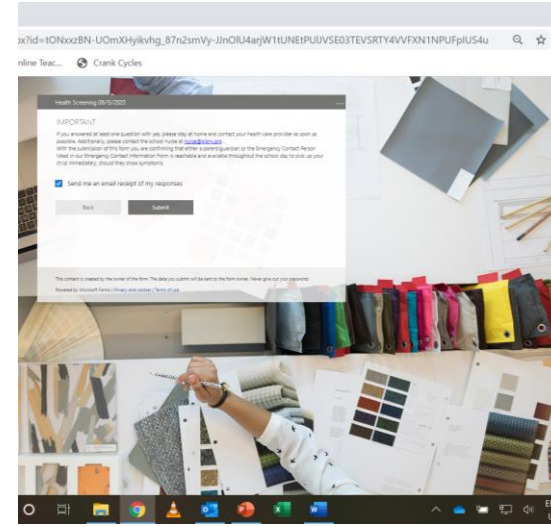
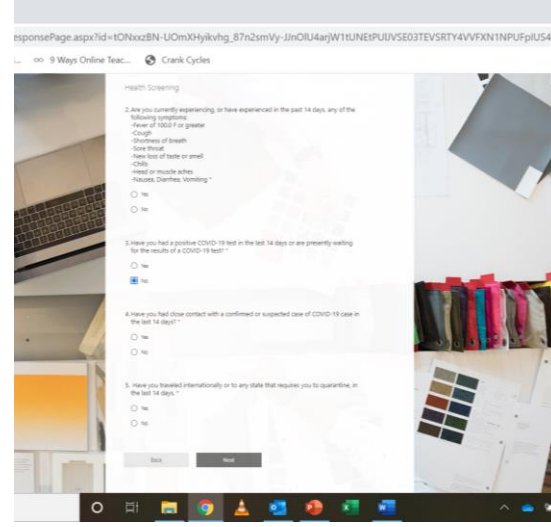
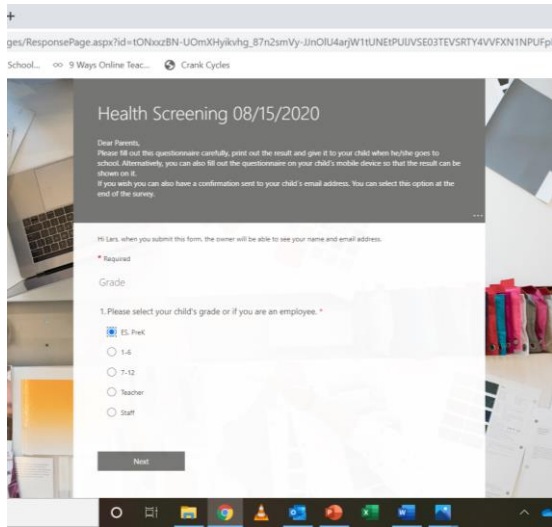


Drop-off starts at 8 am.

Pick-up staggered - begin at 1.30 pm.

Instructions will go out by mail next week.





# Screening

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- We will use the Office Account of your child. Parents/Students will have to go to our Covid page every day to find the form. Detailed instruction will follow in writing.
    - PreK – grade 5 and new students will receive that login in the first week and will be asked to print a pdf from the website in the meantime.
  - The daily screening process is crucial for our success.
  - Please keep every child with symptoms at home.
  - The parents will be responsible for the screening process.
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# Health Concerns

- If I answer one of the questions in the screening app with “Yes”?
- If I travel internationally or one of the States on the NY travel list?
- If we have a child with symptoms in school?
- If we have a confirmed case in school?
- If we have contact with a person with symptoms at home?

**Emergency  
Forms!!**

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# Risk assessment

- We look at overall numbers in the district.
    - <https://forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard>
  - We are in constant contact with local health authorities.
  - We will not use set parameters as they are very general; we must be extra careful but also flexible in our measures.
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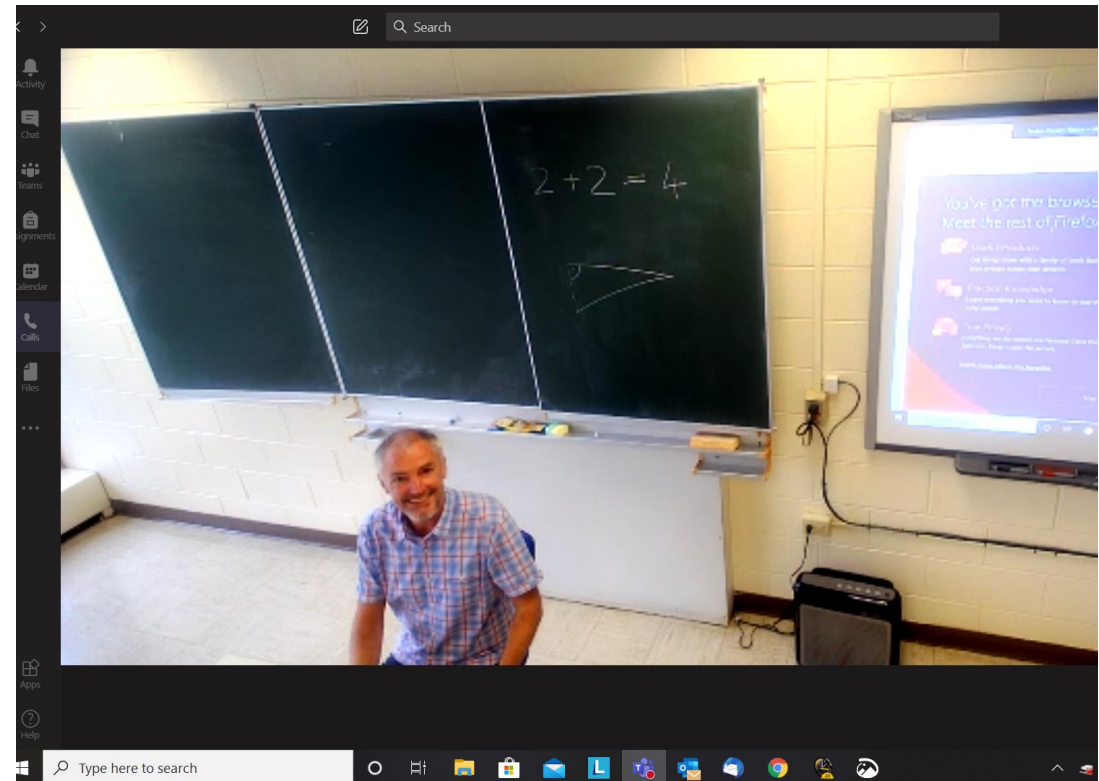


## Classrooms

- 6 feet distance between workplaces
- Direct access to the outside
- New filters in ventilation
- Air purifiers in each classroom

# Remote Learning Option

- Streaming when possible either with a camera or an iPad.
- Questions will be answered through the chat.
- All materials will be made available.
- Participation will be limited.
- Class tests will have to be written in school.
- We ask families to decide till the fall break – if possible. No half days!





# Curriculum

- Classes for grades 5 – 9 till 2.05 pm, BUT pick up for grades 5 and 6 will begin at 1.45 pm.
  - In some grades certain subjects will not be taught for the first weeks – no main subjects.
  - No PE in grades 5 – 9 till the fall break.
  - Very few afternoon activities.
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# Organisation

- Classes are small, max. 18 students, therefore some classes were divided.
  - Classrooms are assigned according to group size.
  - We see a grade as our cohort, so limited interaction between 2 classes is possible.
  - Outside areas assigned to the class / students bring chairs if possible / writing boards made available by Gala Team 2019
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# Hygiene

- Hand sanitizers throughout the building.
  - Hand washing routines are trained.
  - Whole building is sanitized every evening.
  - One additional designated person for cleaning all day.
  - Wipes and gloves available in every classroom.
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# Masks and the world outside

Masks will have to be worn by everyone inside the building – always!

Teachers will take the students outside as often as possible to make mask breaks possible.

Parents are asked to provide masks for their children – but of course we have emergency masks.

Students need to bring chairs for outside classes – classroom chairs can be used.

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# Lunch, Restrooms, Water

- Lunch will be served in the classrooms – alternative meals will be offered via an app by the catering company.
- Students will be allowed to eat in the classroom or outside.
- Only 2 students will be allowed in a restroom at one time.
- The water fountains will be disabled, the contact free water dispensers to refill bottles will work.

# Recommendations

- We recommend flu shots.
- We recommend great discipline in private life.