





**Remind App**

Our school has adopted the Remind App as our official method of communication! Remind allows you to quickly communicate with your Bridge Builder’s teacher and the larger school community. You will receive urgent real-time updates, announcements, and newsletters. Download the app to stay connected through texts, calls, emails, and/or push notifications. For more information, visit [remind.com/families](http://remind.com/families).

**School Website**

Visit the “Back to School” tab on our [website](#) to view our full Back to School Framework and find the most up-to-date information and resources. On Monday, we will be uploading an important FAQ document that addresses many of the questions we have received from families.

**Orton-Gillingham Assessments**

As we gear up for the start of the school year, our teachers have begun scheduling virtual Orton-Gillingham assessments for all students. The data our teachers collect will shape how they plan for Orton-Gillingham instruction in September. If you have not received a phone call, please let us know.

**Technology Distribution**

We will begin handing out technology to families on **Monday, August 31st**. Distribution will take place outside on the school campus, and all families will be scheduled to a specific pick up time in order to promote social distancing. Face coverings are required. Please be on the lookout next week for more information on how to sign up for a pick up time.

**FREE Childcare Program for all Students**

As school resumes in-person this fall, Bridge Prep like most schools, will operate on a blended learning model where each week students will have two school days in person and 3 school days remotely. New York City is offering a new program called **Learning Bridges** which will provide **free child care options** for **all** children from 3-K through 8th grade **on days when they are scheduled for remote learning**.

**All Bridge Prep students qualify for this program, and you can complete [the survey](#) now to express your interest!** This survey is not a formal application and more information will be shared by the Department of Youth & Community Development about a potential placement in the coming weeks. Programs will become available on a rolling basis beginning at the start of school and Bridge Prep will provide any additional information we have about this program to families. We strongly urge families to complete this survey. You can call 311 for support in completing the survey.

**Related Services Delivery Preference Survey**

The DOE has emailed the link to a Related Service Delivery Preference Survey to families of students with one or more counseling, physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy mandates on their current IEP. The survey collects information from families about their **preferred** mode of related service delivery – in person, hybrid, or remote – for each service. Please complete [the survey](#) by **Monday, 8/24**. Any questions about this survey, or about Special Education services in general should be sent to Ms. Quattrocchi at: [alayna@bridgeprepcharter.org](mailto:alayna@bridgeprepcharter.org).

