

# Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families and Friends:

As always, Mrs. Genatt and I hope this message finds your family safe, healthy, and well. As we continue analyzing our health data, guided by the New Jersey Department of Health, and solidifying our processes and procedures, we could not be more proud of our students, staff, and families.

To date, we have had zero cases of COVID-19 within the Moonachie School District. Additionally, Bergen County remain in 'Green' as defined by the Department of Health. This identification indicates that transmission rates and positive cases for COVID-19 remain low. Based on these data points and recommendations from our local officials, it is the right time to plan for the next phases of our re-open.

## Transition To Full Day Programming

We will begin to transition from one-session days to full-day programming. This process was carefully designed to ensure health and safety standards, as well as instructional equity for both Live and Remote learners. Each phase will be executed based upon current health data and communicated should timelines need to be altered.

Please follow the chart below to determine a general timeline of when you can expect your child to return to full day programming.

Phase	Grade Levels	Projected Date	Updated Expectations for LIVE Students	Updated Expectations for REMOTE Students
Phase 1	Pre-K	October 13	PreK Students will return to their regular full day schedule, as designed by Creative Curriculum and the Dept of Education Office of Early Childhood. This includes morning and afternoon choice time as well as 1-hour of rest time. Students rest mats will be socially distant. Lunch & Recess will be from 11:40-12:25. Students will eat in the classroom, socially distant. Rest will be from 12:30-1:30pm. The academic afternoon will follow the recommended program, offered by Creative Curriculum.	PreK Remote students will be asked to follow the daily schedule, as much as possible. The teachers will communicate new Google Meets times and provide guidance for families to perform the Creative Curriculum activities at home. Lunch & Recess, from home, will be from 11:40-12:25. Rest will be from 12:30-1:30pm, at home. The Remote Students academic afternoon will be scheduled and communicated by your teacher.

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Phase 1	Kinder, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & Self-Contained	October 13 – October 30	Students will begin with Full Day programming. They will continue with the 1-session day scheduling to ensure access to all of their content area classes. Lunch will be from 1:00-1:20. Lunch will be served in the classroom, with recess, from 1:20-1:45, outside, staying with their class to ensure cohorts do not mix. From 1:45-2:25 will be an extra ELA period that is currently not available during 1-session days. 2:25-2:55 will be an extra Math period that is currently not available during 1-session days. Dismissal will begin at 2:55, with the current car lane process. Entrance, dismissal procedures, sanitation, bathroom, social distancing, masks, and ALL COVID-19 safety measures remain unchanged.	Remote learners will continue to follow their normal schedule that they have grown accustomed to this year. Remote learners will have a lunch & recess break from 1:00-1:45 at home. Remote learners will be asked to join the Google Meet for live instruction during the two extra periods in the afternoon. Teachers will communicate specific schedules, requirements, and work to be completed. The 1:45-3:05 time will be look and feel similar to your current experience in the morning. Note: As we continue to implement SeeSaw, you should expect your student to become more independent when completing Asynchronous learning activities.
Phase 2	ALL Grades Full Day	Nov. 2nd	All Grades will transition to normal, full-day instructional programming. Lunch will be served in the classrooms in two shifts: 11:00-11:45 & 11:45-12:30. Recess will occur outside, separated by class, and/or in their own classroom. We will revert back to our normal instructional schedule. Students will still remain in their classrooms, while teachers continue to push into classes. Entrance, dismissal procedures, sanitation, bathroom, social distancing, masks, and ALL COVID-19 safety measures remain unchanged.	Remote students will continue to Live Stream into all classes Via Google Meets. Work will continue to be completed via Google Classroom. Teachers will provide individualized support and feedback during the class period. Remote students will follow the same lunch/recess time that their Class follows in school.

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## Phase 1 Important Notes – October 13-October 30:

- Entrance times and procedures remain unchanged.
- Morning Bus Assignments, Pick Up Times, and Assigned Seats remain unchanged.
- Students in Grades K-2 who are registered for the bus, will be provided bussing at 3:05 via Bus 1.
- Students in Grades 3-8 who are registered for the bus, will be provided bussing at 1:00 via Bus 2.
- The PRE-K bus will provide service to those students registered for the bus at 3:05pm.
- Students in Grades 3-8 who attend the YMCA from 1pm-4pm will continue to do so, with no interruption to programming. This remains unchanged.
- Older Siblings, who walk home PK-2 students, would need to return to school at 3pm to pick-up their younger siblings.
- Families having students in different Phases, will be asked to schedule their pick-ups accordingly. However, please remember that the YMCA is available for grades 3-8 to help fill that 1pm-3pm gap of time, if your family needs that support. Please contact Mr. Facendola if you wish to explore this option.
- Grades PK-2 → Lunch will be served in the classroom. We will continue to send home breakfast for the next day.
- Lunch and breakfast will remain Grab-and-Go for grades 3-8 during Phase 1.
- We will run two-separate dismissal times. The current CAR PICK UP lane process that we have been doing will be unchanged.
  - Grades 3-5 → 12:40-12:50pm
  - Grades 6-8 → 12:50-1:00pm
  - PK-2 → 2:55-3:05

## Phase 2 Important Notes – Beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Entrance times and procedures remain unchanged.
- We will return to our full school staggered dismissal times.
- 2:40-2:50pm → PK-2 Car Pick Up
- 2:50-3:00pm → Grades 3-5 Car Pick Up
- 3:00-3:05pm → Grades 6-8 Car Pick Up
- Students remain in their classrooms and teachers continue to travel.
- All social distancing, masks, bathroom rotations, hand sanitizing, etc... remain unchanged.

As we work through these next phases of our re-open and return to full day programming, our health officials and data points will guide us. If phases need to be delayed or we need to revert back a phase, it will be communicated as early as possible to provide families time to figure out their scheduling.

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We thank you for your continued understanding, flexibility, and partnership. Stay safe and healthy.

Best,



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