

Parent Meeting

9/1/2020

Question	Answer/More Information
Will siblings be grouped together for the hybrid schedule?	We will make every effort to group siblings together in the Hybrid model.
When is the selection form due?	The selection form is due by Thursday, September 3.
If the student is in the 4 day model, they can participate in virtual as well?	All students will be participating in some form of virtual, and all students have the option to pull off campus and participate in solely virtual if needed.
What if we don't have a device for our child to use at school?	We have some laptops at school that would be left at school, for students who need to use one while they're on campus. Please email Kpeterson@brightenacademy.com if you need to check out a laptop for your student to use at home.
Do personal devices work on the Brighten network? From experience, Google does not work on school networks when using personal laptops.	We have a Guest Wifi that the students who bring a home device will be able to access
Are parents able to choose between the Monday/Tuesday option and the Thursday/Friday option?	We did not allow the preference of two days for this round of selections, so that we could give all families an equal chance. The July series of selections showed that far more families requested Mon-Tue, beyond what our numbers would support.
How can we confirm the days we were approved for?	Your teacher/Crew leader or the office staff will communicate the days that your student gets scheduled for, closer to the end of September.
Is this 9 week selection final for the remainder of the school year?	The selections you'll make with yesterday's email (8/31) are through the end of the December, when we will revisit the schedule. We will revisit the schedule every 9 weeks. It will be similar to this round, where you can simply confirm to move forward in the same format.
When will students begin face-to-face learning?	Students will begin Hybrid/4-day learning on October 5. Until then, they should continue to attend classes virtually.
Will siblings be grouped together for the Hybrid schedule?	Every effort will be made to group siblings together in the Hybrid model.
If siblings do not receive the same hybrid days can we decline hybrid and decide to go back to 100% virtual?	Yes. You may pull your students into virtual learning at any point.
How are the teachers supposed to effectively teach/focus on their virtual learning	The load on the teachers is greater, yes. They will have a full hour of planning time every day, and they will have dedicated time for the online students, where they are not

<p>students 4 days a week, the hybrid students, and the 4 days in person students at the same time? What does that schedule look like for teachers? I am concerned students will get lost as teachers try to accomplish this huge task in an effective manner.</p>	<p>attending to the kids on campus (who are monitored by a room facilitator).</p>
<p>How is the school planning to ensure that the children whose parents select the 4 day option are not spreading potential germs/covid to children who have chosen the hybrid option? Shouldn't the kids be maintained with their small cohorts (ie Monday Tuesday together/Thursday Friday together) and then the 4 day children in a separate group?</p>	<p>The students will be kept in cohorts. Even the 4-day students will have their own cohort.</p>
<p>When will the school be cleaned?</p>	<p>The school will be cleaned nightly, with a deeper clean happening on Wednesdays and Friday nights.</p>
<p>Is the school ventilation set up with the recommended air filters? How will the system be cleaned and how often will this occur?</p>	<p>We have a bid in for filter replacement with our regular maintenance program, as recommended 3-4 times per year. The ventilation systems are working properly with good air flow to/from the rooms.</p>
<p>Will the students have temperature checks done as they enter the building?</p>	<p>Staff and students will all be temperature checked before entering the building.</p>
<p>How many times will you be doing temperature checks during the day?</p>	<p>The Gov's orders currently state that we temperature check as staff/students come into the building. We do have an order in for extra thermometers, in case there is a change in the guidance to take temp's throughout the day.</p>
<p>Will water fountains be open?</p>	<p>The water fountains are currently closed, as recommended by the CDC.</p>
<p>Will a negative COVID test be required for return of students or staff who were confirmed with having COVID?</p>	<p>The current guidance does not require a negative test to return to school. The current guidance is time- and symptom-based.</p>
<p>What is the communication protocol and contact tracing procedures if someone tests</p>	<p>Remind is our primary communication network and would continue to be for class/school-wide messages about isolation needs.</p>

positive for Covid-19?	
If we opt in for hybrid, and then don't feel comfortable come October, can we revert back to full virtual?	Yes. If your student needs to quarantine or self-isolate, they are welcome to stay home for online learning. We can make a change to fully online at any point.
What about ASP?	ASP will resume when students come back October 5, for any student that is on campus that day.
What will pick-up look like? What if you are picking-up students who are in elementary AND middle school?	We intend to keep all parents outside and call for the students to come out towards them. Pick-up times are between 3:10-3:30 for K-5 and 3:40-4:00 for middle school. We do not have the details on dismissal fully nailed down, but the loose plan is that you would wait a few minutes in your car and come back for the MS student. This would only apply on Mon and Fri when MS has Crew at 3:00.
Will parents still be able to do volunteer hours?	We will not be permitting visitors to the school when we are reopen. You can still participate in logging virtual learning help (1 hour per day) or Saturday workday help.
My son is new. What is the school uniform?	We hadn't needed to fully onboard our new families, but that's coming soon! Uniform: navy or khaki bottoms (no preference in style), with navy/red/white collared shirt.
How will lunch work?	Students will eat lunch in their classrooms like a "normal" Wednesday. Students will have access to the full menu that SLA posts online for each day. Lunch accounts: www.SLALunch.com . Students are also welcome to bring their own lunch.
Will there be milestone testing this year?	We haven't nailed down the details about that yet. We are still getting some data preferences from our staff. More info coming soon!
Will Middle School schedules change when we return?	They will take the same classes, but the order of them may change. Specials will be the same classes, and at the same time.
What about classroom supply lists?	The teachers should be working on their needs over the next couple of weeks. Expect a few art supplies in addition to the "normal" classwork needs, so that the students are not sharing materials.
After Paulding County HS was all over the news, I have not heard anything else about whether they closed or if their kids are still going to in person class. If they are, do	I do not know that answer, I'm sorry. If you'd like to email Kbemus@brightenacademy.com or Lmcdonald@brightenacademy.com and we can probably look that info up for you. Douglas County is partnered with Cobb in

you know how they are doing with
the face to face and if the virus has
spread there at all?

the Dept of Health, so we don't track the numbers in Paulding
on a regular basis.