



Dear 2020-2021 MBS Parents,

I hope by now all of you have had an opportunity to read last week's email concerning the reopening of school. I wanted to take an opportunity to share with you some great questions I've been answering that maybe have crossed your mind too.

Question: What happens when there is a case of Covid-19 on Memorial's campus?

We should expect that in the fall, there will likely be 1-2 cases of Covid-19 on our campus. When that happens because our classes are completely separated from one another, we will be able to send home just the students from that particular class. Unless of course there are siblings involved in which case, the classes in which those family members have been effected will need to remain at home. Students unable to come to class will be able to continue their school work from home using a Distance Learning Plan that we are implementing in August.

Question: If a student tests positive for Covid-19, when can they return to school?

14 days and with a negative test result document brought into the school office. Absences from school during this time will not count against the student's overall attendance record. However, the student is expected to make up all school work during this time.

Question: How are we going to keep classes separate?

Students will remain with their class during the entire school day including P.E., Music, Lunch and Chapel with their teacher. Classes will also follow a bathroom schedule.

Question: Who must wear masks while inside the building?

All faculty, staff and visitors including parents must wear masks while inside the building. PK4 – 5th grade students will not need to wear masks. 6th – 8th students must wear masks arriving and leaving school only.

Question: What about late check-in/tardies and early dismissals?

If you know your student will be tardy, please call the office to expedite getting your student checked in and to their class as quickly as possible. (Orders for lunch may not be received after 9 a.m.)

Should you need to check out your student before their dismissal time, again please call the office so that we can do our best to limit the amount of people in the lobby.

I am hoping that the above questions and answers are of help to you in making a decision about your child's education this fall. Despite what the news media might say, every study by pediatricians and educators all agree that on-site school is a necessary step for our

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children. This can be a scary decision, especially if you watch the news. Knowing what's best for our families is never going to be a sure thing, particularly during Covid. Please know that everything that can be, will be done to keep your student safe while at Memorial.

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