

Elementary FAQ:

If I opt to send my child to school can I request for a certain dismissal time for after school child care purposes? **No. Arrival and dismissal time are determined by bus route.**

Will the community (by building) be made aware of how many students/families decide to opt out of in person instruction and choose virtually? **We will report that at the Board meeting on 8/25/2020.**

What happens when a student won't listen to the teacher when asked to wear the mask? Where does that student go? How will a teacher be directed to handle the situation specifically? **Whether a student is completely remote, alternate day remote/in-person or fully in-person, all registered students are still members of the Connetquot Central School District and must abide by the District Code of Conduct at all times. The building administration and staff will follow the procedures established when violations of the Code of Conduct occur.**

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the class or the school, will the school contact parents right away? **As soon as we are notified by the SCDOH, which will also assist in determining who should be notified.**

Will the students and faculty be required to quarantine for 14 days if there is a confirmed case? **This is a decision for the Suffolk County Department of Health.**

If there are frequent cases of COVID-19 in the school, at what point does the in-person school year become fully virtual? **This is a decision for the Suffolk County Department of Health and/or the Governor.**

Can you confirm that even the kindergarten students will have desk barriers in the classroom? **Desk barriers for the elementary schools will only be used during small group instruction, for example, in small reading groups or small math skills groups. There will not be desk barriers provided for each student's desk.**

Please consider providing parents with additional information about drop off times as soon as possible. Will walkers follow the same staggered schedule?
Yes

Will priority be given to working parents? [Arrival and dismissal times are determined by bus route.](#)

The issue of security was not addressed besides when a student is being picked up; how will security work if it is advised that students try to be outside as much as possible? Will there be more security outside of the building while the students are outside? [Security has been redeployed to ensure coverage.](#)

Will my children still be affiliated with their elementary school as a student there if they attend virtually only? [Our virtual classes will be district-wide classes. However, you will still receive emails from your home school.](#)

Who will be the Principal for those teachers and students who are virtual in the current year? [To be determined.](#)

Will teachers and other staff members have to quarantine after traveling during a school break. For example, if the staff member travels to a location subject to quarantine, how will the classroom be covered. [If anyone travels to a "travel advisory" location, they will need to quarantine. They will provide substitute plans, as in any other year.](#)

Can the district commit to parent teacher conferences and back to school nights being video based? [Both will be held virtually.](#)

At what threshold will the district and/or individual schools close to in person schooling? [To be determined by the Suffolk County Department of Health and/or the Governor.](#)

Usually the security guard sits at the front desk. Is this still going to be protocol? Or will the security guards be outside so when classes are outside at staggered recess and mask breaks? [Security staffing has been reconfigured especially in light of the "no visitor" policy.](#)

I have always used one of my neighbors from a different bus stop for after school childcare... What do we do if we are on different runs now? Are my children allowed to go home with her child? [Generally, no. Please call](#)

transportation with this request - which will need to be made on a more permanent basis and not on a daily basis.

If a child receives counseling sessions and attends virtually how will this work? **The child will receive teletherapy.**

As stated in the zoom meeting paper towels should be used in the bathroom to turn water on and off. Are they installing/providing these? Building currently has hand dryers. **Paper towels will be available.**

Can certain times be requested for the live learning due to child care issues? **No, this will be a class schedule.**

Will the daily lessons be accessible later in the day or evening for the child to review? **Some of the asynchronous ones will, however, the live stream will not be recorded.**

Is the school live streaming to homes for the virtual learners? Aren't there laws to protect the privacy of our children? **Folks who are choosing live stream should be aware that their children will be on screen for instruction.**

My 2nd grade son is an extremely picky eater and one of the few things he eats is peanut butter (just peanut butter, no jelly or anything additional). Will he be able to eat peanut butter in his classroom? **Only if he is not in a class with a student who has a peanut allergy. Please reach out to your principal.**

Am I able to have my children in the later pick up and drop off group? **No, arrival and dismissal time are predicated on bus routes.**

With everyone wearing a face mask how will you guarantee the safety of the children? An ID on a lanyard is not sufficient when you cannot quickly identify their face. **Elementary classes have a maximum of 15 students. We will not be giving elementary children a lanyard and an ID.**

If school is virtual how will music and art and gym be conducted? **If school is closed, all teachers will provide synchronous and asynchronous instruction to students daily.**

It appeared that the time 4th and 5th graders will spend with the TA will be centered on individual math and reading lessons and specials. What specials will be cycling in? Please elaborate on this as soon as more detailed schedule information is available. Sitting quietly reading or exposing children to

devices is not always a productive use of time and indicates busy work. If this is the case, will parents be permitted to send in more challenging activities for their children to engage in during this independent time? [At each elementary school, children in grade 4 and 5 will have specials \(Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library\) either in the morning or afternoon. A full list of instructional activities will be provided prior to the start of school. Some examples include read-alouds, independent reading, computer based adaptive mathematics lessons, etc.](#)

My question is in regards to the busses - my child like most of the children have been carrying personal sanitizer gel on a key chain connected to her backpack since before the pandemic - can she continue to do so? [It can be carried, but inside her backpack.](#)

I feel that we should either get a walk through of what the classroom will look like prior to making a decision or at least see a model of what it will look like... My daughter is 5 and this could be traumatic for her depending on how the classes are laid out. I need to see what a classroom will be structured like BEFORE I decide to send my child there... If you can't provide an actual visit then you need to at least provide a competent virtual model to paint that picture as well as a detailed breakdown of what a virtual day will look like and not just an outline. [All classrooms have had extraneous furniture removed and the desks are now placed 6 ft apart facing the same direction.](#)

Will the children be physically interacting with each other while wearing masks or will they be separated at a 6ft distance at all times even with masks on? [Students will remain socially distant where possible while wearing masks.](#)

How will quarantining work? What will be the protocols if a staff member or classmate tests positive for covid? How far does the contact list go- meaning are all students that were on the bus with those people quarantined? Are families quarantined? Is the whole building closed? Please be more specific in answering this question. [The Suffolk County Department of Health will determine the extent of the quarantine necessary during their contact tracing protocol which the District will assist them in.](#)

We are utilizing SCOPE services for after school care but not everyday. Can you let me know how the school will know which days he is to get on the bus and which days he is to be walked to the SCOPE area? [Please contact your child's principal.](#)

There was supposed to be a Kindergarten placement test in June but was cancelled due to COVID. How will students be assessed and separated into classes with no placement test taken? [As per NYSED guidance, all new entrants must be screened prior to December 2020. Many of our students were UPK students and we have information on them to make more informed decisions on class placements at this time. Students will not be moved out of their Kindergarten placements based on the screening except if special education services are indicated and sought by the family.](#)

Will children be allowed to socialize in the classroom (not during learning time)? And if so, how? [Yes, students will be allowed to socialize with their classmates in a social distance manner and dependant on the setting.](#)

Will children be allowed to socialize on the playground? [Yes, students will be allowed to socialize with their classmates in a social distance manner and depending on their level of activity.](#)

What is the criteria for "weather permitting"? In the past, the cold weather cut off was warmer than necessary and there were many restrictions regarding rain--- will they be allowed outside to play more often than in the past years, especially given the more restricted classroom settings. [We anticipate that students will be outside for recess for as long as reasonable. The current practice in Connetquot is to use the "real feel" temperature of 32 degrees.](#)

Will the classroom be decorated with posters & other bulletin board items? [We are asking teachers to lessen the amount of paper products within their classrooms whenever possible to help facilitate a quick, yet more thorough cleaning within the buildings.](#)

Will any paper assignments be given out, or will all work be done on a computer? [Paper and workbooks will still be used.](#)

Can we have virtual assemblies? [Yes.](#)

Will 4th and 5th grade students with IEPs receive their pull outs services during the block they are with their classroom teacher or during the block they are with a TA? [We will try to schedule the bulk of the pull out services during the TA time.](#)

How has the building planned for the afternoon dismissal in regards to parent pick up procedures? [Please contact your child's principal.](#)

If my child currently has medicaid will she be automatically approved to RECEIVE FREE LUNCH LIKE LAST YR? [Yes.](#)

Will my child get a monthly school lunch menu sent home in her backpack so we can plan on buying lunch or sending in a bag lunch ? [It will be accessible online.](#)

Supplies - I ordered the School supply kit for K from the PTA in June to be delivered to the classroom- is the school still accepting deliveries from that vendor or should I repurchase and send separately? [We are accepting those deliveries.](#)

My 2nd grader says he can't breathe with the mask on....I am trying to get him used to it so he can come back to school.. [Thank you. Please use the guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics found on our website.](#)

Can you please explain what a day will look like for a 4th grade student who chooses virtual? [There will be synchronous and asynchronous instruction.](#) Will they have to be online at a specific time? [Yes](#) Will attendance be taken? [Yes](#) Can they do their assignments in any order they choose or will they be directed by their teachers on what assignments to do and when to do them? [There will be some freedom to do assignments in order, but the teacher may direct when to do some in order to assess learning and be able to give feedback.](#) If my child has a doctor or other appointment during the school day do I need to call the school to advise them he won't be online at a specific time? [Yes, that would be an absence so you should notify the teacher before it occurs.](#)

During virtual instruction will the kindergarten classes be doing daily synchronous instruction at the same time everyday and if so how long approximately will this instruction be? [The instructional day begins at 9:05 and ends at 3:35. There will be a morning, midday and afternoon meeting. Synchronous whole-class instruction will occur a minimum of 2 times per day for math, literacy, and alternating day science or social studies. Virtual extra help will take place 1 time per week outside of the instructional day.](#)

Can you please explain in more detail what virtual learning will look like? How many hours per day are they on "live" with a teacher. Is everything taught by

the teacher or left up to the parents to teach? **The instructional day begins at 9:05 and ends at 3:35. There will be a morning, midday and afternoon meeting. Synchronous whole-class instruction will occur a minimum of 2 times per day for math, literacy, and alternating day science or social studies. Virtual extra help will take place 1 time per week outside of the instructional day.**

For students who are doing the full virtual instructional program, when will you be providing a schedule with actual times and subjects that will be taught during the day? **That will be provided by the virtual teacher.**

For students who are doing the full virtual instructional program, when will they receive chromebooks? **When the Smart Schools funding has been approved, all students in the district will be receiving chromebooks.**

For students who are doing the full virtual instructional program, when will they be notified of their remote teacher? **Yes.**

I wanted clarification about the lunch section. Are students aloud to bring in their own lunch or are they required to buy lunch in school? **They are permitted to bring their own lunch.**

I am not sure if this is the right place to ask but my twins are going into first grade. They were in separate classes in kindergarten and I would like them to be in separate classes for this school year as well. Is this possible? **Please contact your child's principal.**

I'm reading the Connetquot Central school district reopening plan ...it looks like you guys are opening the school for K-5 is this official ..or is just a plan ? **We are opening daily for K-5 instruction.**

I am asking about transportation . How is it being decided who is on each of the staggered schedules? Is it possible to request one or the other ? Once we get a schedule is that all week or will it be alternating ? **The schedule is determined by bus route. We will not be taking requests. The schedule will remain the same for the remainder of the year.**

We have an Idle Hour student in kindergarten - I was curious if I can get any information on before/after care and what her school bus times will be? **Please contact your child's principal.**

I was wondering if it was possible for the school to get lanyards such as these, for the students masks. A lot of schools are providing these for students and staff.

We will not be providing these.



Do we know if and when we will be getting approval for Chromebooks? **As per NYSED, Smart School submissions for Chromebooks will be expedited. The district is still awaiting approval.**

If they aren't approved how will fully virtual be started? **The expectation is that the student will use a device currently owned by the family or use the public library.**

Are there any supplies the virtual students should be getting? I'm not sure the regular supply list pertains to them with binders, folders, loose leaf etc. **Expectations for the virtual student remain the same as the in-person student. Therefore, the regular supply list should be purchased.**

Can you elaborate on the length and frequency of the mask breaks? Will the mask breaks occur in the classroom? Will the teachers be assisting students with putting their masks on if they need help? **The office of PPS is working on a district-wide protocol for mask breaks that we will disseminate once completed. It will mirror the advice from the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

Would it be possible for each Principal to host a zoom meeting to discuss how some of these items are being addressed in their building? [Please contact your principal.](#)

Since lunch is in the classroom-is there accessibility to heat up food? [No.](#) How will the lunch program work if he wanted to purchase food on specific days? [The food service management company has an online pre-order function where parents can order online \(and view allergy information and customize at home\).](#) This information will be available to parents by [September 1, 2020.](#)

It was stated that buses will be cleaned between runs. Will different buses be used for the two morning AM runs and the two PM runs? [No.](#) Since there are two morning and two afternoon runs, will the buses be cleaned between the first and second morning runs and first and second afternoon runs, or was the cleaning only referring to between morning and afternoon runs? [The bus will be cleaned after all morning runs.](#)

Will there be group assignments given to students? [This is dependent upon the teacher, the curriculum and the objective for each assignment.](#)

If my child wants to get lunch from school will the teacher send out a request form to the child each day so the lunch order can be submitted to the cafeteria prior to lunch that day? [The food service management company has an online pre-order function where parents can order online \(and view allergy information and customize at home\).](#) This information will be available to parents by [September 1, 2020.](#)