

Dear BBS Families,

As we look forward to Bright Beginnings reopening in August, we also acknowledge the uncertainty and questions about COVID's ongoing impact on our state, BBS community and school year ahead. As we present our options for reopening, please keep in mind that this information is fluid and as the pandemic's course is always changing, our plans will adjust in accordance with the CDC, Arizona Department of Health, and the State of Arizona.

Governor Ducey today signed an Executive Order delaying the first day of school for in-person learning until at least August 17, 2020, but allows for schools to offer distance learning prior to this date. We need time to process his directives and if necessary revise our plans accordingly including determining a start date for students at Bright Beginning School.

Our task force has been working diligently on protocols for reopening. On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order regarding the reopening of schools for the upcoming school year. We understand there is a great deal of unease moving into the school year as brick and mortar; but now that the state will allow flexibility to charter schools with an online option without affecting funding, BBS is planning to add distance learning as another option while continuing to maintain the integrity of our BBS curriculum.

Brick and Mortar (In-Person)

At this time, we want to share with you some of the safety measures we will be taking as part of our in-person return to school plan. Again, please note that these procedures are not final. This will be an ongoing process as information is constantly changing.

- All students and staff will be temperature checked when entering the school each day.
- Drop off morning recess will be cancelled.
- Intensify our regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures throughout the building.
- High touch surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day.
- All carpets and rugs have been professionally cleaned prior to school opening.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all classrooms and throughout the building.
- Maintain smaller classroom sizes and socially distance students in classrooms as much as possible.
- Minimize the number of students in common areas such as the playground.
- Lunch will remain in the classroom.
- Recess, including lunch recess will remain the same.
- Limit the use of shared materials in classrooms.
- Limit volunteers/visitors on campus.
- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Train all employees on health and safety protocols.
- Post signage showing best practices for hygiene and sanitation.
- Develop and implement communication protocols regarding COVID-19 cases.
- No field trips or school events first quarter. To be determined (TBD) thereafter.
- Before and aftercare with implementation of school safety protocols.

Face Coverings

On June 19, 2020, the City of Chandler issued a proclamation regarding use of masks/face coverings in Chandler businesses and public spaces. The city will revisit this decision every two weeks or until the Governor repeals or revises Executive Order 2020-40. Therefore, Bright Beginnings will require that all staff and students – preschool through 6th grade wear cloth face coverings at all times when six feet of distance between students is not possible. Students will not be required to wear cloth face coverings when six feet of distance can be safely maintained—including lunch, recess, breaks, PE, physical activity and other instances. This way there will be multiple times during the day when students are

able to remove their masks if they choose, provided they stay six feet apart. Students with health conditions that may be affected by wearing a mask will need to provide the school with a doctor's note.

BBS will support all students as they acclimate to wearing face coverings on campus. We recognize this requirement will pose special challenges for many of our students, and our expectations for them will take their age and developmental stage into consideration. Please visit the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website www.aap.org for guidance on helping your child learn to be more comfortable wearing a face covering.

Additional reopening in-person protocols are as follows:

- Students will stay with their class in their homeroom through the day as much as possible. Because of our math differentiation, there are many details to work out with this "cohort" model. We will provide updates.
- Specials classes will continue. Students will travel to each Special's classroom on designated day with extra time in between class periods to allow for thorough sanitizing.
- Readiness for possible interruptions in the school year. If required by state mandate to close, we will transition to distance learning. We will provide professional training for teachers to prepare for this scenario.
- Planning to prioritize the social-emotional and mental wellness of our students upon their return. Staff will receive professional development training to support student needs.

Distance Learning (On-line)

The distance learning model for families choosing to educate from home is as follows:

- Use of Microsoft Education, formerly known as Microsoft Classroom. This option is familiar to both teachers and students from the 4th quarter school closure.
- Teachers will be trained how to live stream while given the ability to record lessons.
- Classroom aides will be available in all grade levels to assist both teachers and students during live instruction.
- Classwork will provided to students that mirrors assignments completed within the classroom.
- Flexibility to change models will be available at the end of each quarter.
- Specials classes will continue.

Please click on the link below and complete the form to choose the instructional settings for your student(s) to start the 2020-21 school year. For registration purposes, your response is needed no later than Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBSselectmodel>

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we face these unprecedented challenges.

Sincerely,

BBS Task Force