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## Parent Questions and Answers 2020-2021

### COVID19 Frequently Asked Questions

Please see the Superintendent's Update sent via email on July 23 for detailed information as well as the "All In" Plan which will be shared soon. We will post both messages on our Elberta Elementary website.

**How many children will be in each class?** As always, we will not know our enrollment numbers until school begins. At this time, class sizes will be lower than in years past due to virtual school enrollment. This is a benefit for class size and social distancing.

**How will students be socially distanced in the classroom?** Teachers will distance students to the best of their ability within classrooms. Space will depend partly on the number of students in each classroom. The following steps are also being taken for precaution:

- Masks or a suitable substitute will be worn for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Hand sanitizing and hand washing will be directed frequently.
- All rooms and equipment will be disinfected with a hospital-grade product throughout the day.

**How will students participate in PE?** Since we are privileged to have 3 PE Teachers, they will split the entire grade level up among the 3 teachers – making their class sizes smaller. Equipment will be sanitized daily. Students have to sanitize upon entering and exiting PE.

**Will students have enrichment classes?** Yes, music, art, library, and counseling will still be offered to our students.

**How is lunch scheduled?** We will be following the 50% capacity model as well as sitting children every other seat and spreading the children out. Each grade level will have an A and B schedule where grade levels rotate using the cafeteria as other grade levels eat in the classroom or outside on the picnic tables/sidewalk.

**How will students be seated on the bus?** Students will be asked to sit with siblings on the bus and drivers will attempt to space students as much as possible. Students will sanitize hands upon entering the bus. Students should wear masks.

**What will be the guidelines for masks?** We will follow the state and Baldwin County School Board guidelines regarding masks. Masks will be worn in common areas according to the county and state guidelines. Masks will not be worn when students are reading aloud, answering questions, socially distanced, eating, or during PE. Mask designs cannot be offensive or a distraction to others per County guidelines.

**Will volunteers and visitors be allowed on campus?** Volunteers must have a **purpose** for being on campus (If situation could not be discussed over the phone) or asked by a staff member to help in the classroom (only 1 per classroom). If you are needing to come to the campus, you must make an appointment with the office staff or teacher.



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**What will After-School Hours' events and programs look like for this school year?** For the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, there will be no school-wide events during the day or after school hours. BCBE will revisit this after the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

**Will students be attending Field Trips this year?** There will be no Off-Campus Field Trips 1<sup>st</sup> semester. BCBE will revisit this decision after the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

**How will students be monitored for illness?** Students will have their temperature checked by thermal cameras as they enter the building daily. If a student shows fever or symptoms, the nurse will assist in screening. Any student with COVID symptoms will remain in the "Get Well Soon Room" until the parent comes.

**Will students have access to water fountains?** Students will not be allowed to use water fountains unless they are refilling their water bottles. Students will need to bring a water bottle each day to stay hydrated.

**Will there be information for new EES students?** WELCOME! A "New to EES" video or document will be posted on our school website over the next week to inform parents of "Things to Know about EES". More information to come to all of our new families.

**What if I change my mind regarding Virtual vs Traditional School?** Deadline for signing up for virtual is July 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to come back to the traditional school building is August 31<sup>st</sup>. After that, students can come back to the traditional school building at the end of each quarter.

**When can my child return to school after having COVID symptoms?** Those **suspected** of having COVID-19 will not return until one of the following:

1. Present a signed doctor's note clearing them to return to school
2. Present a negative COVID-19 test result
3. Remain away from school for 14 days AND have been clear of fever for at least three days without medication AND improvement of other symptoms

If the school is notified that a student or employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19, absences will be excused per the associated guidelines.

**Will my child still participate in learning if home due to COVID?** We have the "at home" academics covered with distance learning. This is not the same as virtual school. Students will continue classroom lessons just as if they were attending class through the use of Google Classroom assignments. Additional time will be given for students to make up any missed work.

### **Other Beginning of the Year Questions**

**How will my child know the assigned teacher and classroom?**

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Teachers will mail out welcome postcards to students and call each parent the week of August 3. Teachers will then email more information to their class, such as videos and pictures of their classroom. Only PreK and Kindergarten will have an assigned “Meet the Teacher” time this year. More information to come regarding those. However, we can’t WAIT to see all of our amazing students on the first day of school, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**How can I find out more information regarding buses and carline?**

Bus drivers and Office Staff will be available on Wednesday, August 5 from 3:00 – 4:00pm and on Monday, August 10 from 5:00 – 6:00pm **outside our cafeteria near carline benches** to answer any questions regarding bus transportation, routes, and pass out car rider line tags. **If your child will be a car rider, a guardian MUST come by one of these days to receive a car tag.** If you are picking up your child in car line, you MUST HAVE YOUR CAR TAG DISPLAYED in your windowsill.

**Can I drop off snacks or other forgotten items?**

Please plan ahead so that snacks and school items come to school with your child. In order to protect instructional time, please do not drop off items after 8:00am. Guardians will not be allowed to come into the building. Items will be taken at the front door.

**Can I eat lunch with my child occasionally?**

At this time, we will not have lunch visitors. We hope to have visitors again in the future. 😊

**How do I access the free/reduced lunch application? How much does a café meal cost? How do I pay?** Please complete the school lunch application online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>. Our school receives federal funds based on the information provided. Lunch prices can be free, reduced, or full. Full prices are below. **Lunches should be paid for online**, free of charge, whenever possible. Please go to mySchoolBucks.com for payment.

**Breakfast:**

Full \$2.00      Reduced: \$0.30      Milk \$0.50

**Lunch:**

Full \$3.00      Reduced: \$0.40      Milk \$0.50

**What is the uniform policy at EES?**

<i>Tops</i>	<i>Bottoms</i>	<i>Shoes</i>	<i>Sweatshirts and Sweaters</i>
<i>Navy, White or Red (Polo, Collared Shirt, or Turtleneck)</i>	<i>Navy, Khaki, or Denim (Pants, Shorts, Jumpers, Capris, Skirts, or Skorts)</i>	<i>Closed toe shoes</i>	<i>Solid (Navy, White, Tan, Gray, Black or Brown)</i>
<i>EES or Warrior Partnership T-shirts (available to purchase online).</i>	<i>No holes, cuts, slits, or overalls Corduroy ok Leggings may be worn under skirts only.</i>	<i>Athletic shoes are recommended. Students will not change shoes for PE.</i>	<i>EES Sweatshirts (available to purchase soon).</i>

**Will students still have snack?**

Yes, students have a 15-minute break to refuel with a snack, use the restroom, and have a brain break. Teachers utilize our outdoor picnic tables and sidewalk areas for snack. Those with an early lunch, have an



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afternoon snack. Special approved ice cream snacks, chips, dill pickles, water, etc. will be offered once a week for PreK – 3rd Grade and daily for 4th – 6th Grade These items are sold for \$1.00 each.

**Are birthday celebrations and drop offs allowed at school?** Birthdays can be acknowledged during snack on a day approved by the classroom teacher. At this time, we will not accept birthday treats to be brought to school. Birthday ice cream celebration packages are available for purchase through the front office. The birthday student will be able to share the special flavored ice cream bars with each student the class. You can also celebrate your child’s birthday by displaying their name for \$5 on our digital sign. Contact the office for more information.

**What supplies are requested for school?** Grade level supply lists can be found on our school website.

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