

Dear Families:

Your schools are hard at work finding the best solutions to keep your children learning and supported throughout the COVID-19 crisis. We will keep you informed and ask for your feedback every step of the way. Today, we have submitted initial safety and health plans to New York State. Of course, as in every emergency, things will change, and we will have to change with them. However, we promise to put your children first in every decision we make.

A few things for you to know right now...

School Will Resume On August 24th With Remote Learning

Please make sure your students are ready to join their classmates and teachers for a joyous (though different) first day back to school.

We Will Reopen Our Buildings As Soon As We Can Do So SAFELY*

Your students belong at school where we teach best and they learn best. However, the earliest start date for *in-person learning* is Thursday, September 10, in conjunction with access to our shared DOE school buildings. Please keep watch for additional information on timing of re-entry for each of your students.

***Our 5 PILLARS OF REOPENING SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Rest assured that we will have a reopening plan based on the following:

- **SAFETY:** The safety of our students and staff remains our #1 priority. We will open our schools only when it is safe to do so and will provide all measures possible to keep our community safe, including small groupings, social distancing, temperature checking, mask-wearing, ventilation, cleaning and practicing proper personal hygiene.

EDUCATION NETWORK

- **MISSION:** We remain steadfast in our commitment to provide a supportive community for our students that nurtures a love of *learning*, teaches creative problem-solving, fosters the development of character, and creates learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom.
- **COLLABORATION:** Our Reopening Team has been listening and working with our entire community – we recognize the individual differing needs of families, teachers and staff.
- **FEEDBACK:** Our Reopening Plan has prioritized and will continue to prioritize feedback shared from our school community and staff.
- **FLEXIBILITY:** Our Reopening Plan will be *flexible*, allowing us to adapt to any changes in NYC or community circumstances. Our schools may be fully remote, fully in our buildings or some combination of the two at any time. Families may also elect a fully remote learning option if they prefer not to send their student to school in-person.

If you want to learn more about our developing plans for this fall, please take a look at our [School Updates](#) page on our website.

You will be hearing updates from your school leaders in the coming weeks, and you will be receiving a survey detailing remote learning options. Until then, please continue to be safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Your Beginning with Children Team