



# St. Bridget School

Return to In-Person Instruction Strategy (R.I.I.S.)  
for 2020-2021

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# Green, Yellow, and Red Phase Defined and Remote Option

**Green Phase:** In-school instruction for all students.

**Yellow Phase:** Alternate day in-school instruction with remote learning for students in Grade 1 through Grade 8. In-school instruction for students in Pre K and Kindergarten. School devices will not be brought home on remote learning days.

**Red Phase:** Remote learning instruction for students in Grade 1 through Grade 8. In-school instruction for students in PreK and Kindergarten.

**Remote Learning Option:** Families may choose to participate in remote learning during the Green and Yellow Phases if they are not comfortable having their child(ren) attend school in person. Parents must commit to a full trimester for this option. This option will only be offered if the school can provide equitable instructional and learning opportunities.



# RIIS: Green Phase In-Person Learning

- **Cohorts**

- Cohorts are based on grade teams and individual class cohorts.
- Students will remain in their homeroom cohort as much as possible.
- Enrichment teachers will travel to each classroom. Teachers switch for social studies and science classes.
- Cohorts can have recess together maintaining social distancing and adhering to all social guidelines.
- Middle school students will switch classes for advanced grade math. Individual learning area will be provided for these students and each area will be sanitized after use.
- One grade cohort will attend Mass every Friday, maintaining social distancing and adhering to Archdiocesan health and social guidelines. Mass will be live-streamed for all other classes.



# RIIS: Green Phase In-Person Learning (cont'd)

- **Masks**

- Masks **must** be worn by students PreK - 8, faculty, and staff throughout the day except for eating, drinking and when students are outdoors (6 feet apart).
- Masks can be of any color or design as long as there are no inappropriate words and/or pictures.
- Masks will go home every day to be washed or replaced by each family.
- Students are responsible for keeping an extra mask stored at school.
- All masks must be labeled with students' names, attached to a St. Bridget School breakaway lanyard which will be distributed on the first day of school.



# RIIS: Green Phase In-Person Learning (cont'd)

- Desks
  - Desks will be 3 to 6 ft. apart from each other, with 6 ft. being the expectation.
  - Extra furniture will be removed from the classroom to achieve the 6 foot spacing.
  - All desks and student seating will face the same direction.
- Students will be reminded throughout the day for extra hand washing.
- Desks, door handles, and other surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Classroom doors will be left open to minimize touching of door knobs.



# RIIS: Green Phase In-Person Learning (cont'd)

- Lockers will be accessed in the morning and in the afternoon for storage of backpacks and outdoor attire. All books and supplies will be kept in the classroom in the student's designated learning area.
- When appropriate, classes will go outside for instruction. When outside, students can remove their masks if they are at least six feet apart from each other. Students will provide towels to sit on when class is outdoors.
- Outdoor mask breaks will be provided when situation(s) allow(s).



# Safety and Health Precautions

## Hallways

- The hallways will have tape going down the middle of the hallway. Each side will have arrows for the direction on the movement in the hallway.
- Hallway doors will be propped open for no-touch entry.

## Isolation Rooms

- The music room will be set up as an isolation room for any person exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. This room will be monitored by a designated staff member who will receive PD to best support the RIIS. This staff member will wear full PPE. One bathroom in the hallway will be designated for this room. Parents of students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be contacted immediately and asked to pick-up their child (and any siblings who also attend SBS).





# Safety and Health Precautions (cont'd)

## **Disinfecting/Spraying**

- In following the CDC's guidelines, cleaning and disinfecting by the custodial staff will occur during the school day as well as every evening.

## **Bathrooms**

- Bathrooms will be cleaned by custodial staff three times a day; twice during the school day and once in the evening. There will be markings on the floor outside each bathroom for where students can wait if there is a line. Stalls and sinks will be designated for specific classes/cohorts.
- All bathrooms will be provided with sensored soap and paper towel dispensers.

## **Signs**

- Signs will be posted throughout the school building and in each classroom highlighting important handwashing and social distancing information.



# Safety and Health Precautions (cont'd)

## Temperatures

- All faculty and staff will have their temperatures taken each morning as they arrive at school.
- Parents should take their child(ren)'s temperature each morning and keep child home if it registers at 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Student temperatures will be taken daily upon students' arrival by the classroom teacher with a touchless thermometer.
- Chesprocott Health District will supply Cheshire families with touchless smart thermometers. These thermometers will be distributed from St. Bridget School to families who request them.
- Families from other towns can contact their own local health department to inquire about smart thermometers.
- For child(ren) who have had a fever, a doctor's note is required in order for them to return to school.

**If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home from school.**



# PreK\* and K Programs

- PreK students are required to wear masks in the classroom (effective 9.21.20). Students must wear masks anytime that they leave their classroom.
- All staff must wear masks.
- Teachers will ask parents if the students are “well” upon morning arrival. Students’ temperatures will be taken upon arrival.
- Toys and manipulatives can be shared, but will be thoroughly cleaned every afternoon.

PreK and Kindergarten programs **WILL** continue during the **Yellow** and **Red** Phases with in-school instruction.

**\*PreK Program guidance is based upon medical advice from the CDC, DPH, OEC and the Governor's Office.**

# Staggered Arrival

## (Green and Yellow Phases)



### PreK 3 and PreK 4 Classes

- Arrival at 8:15 a.m. at the courtyard door met by the teachers/aides and led down the hall. Parents must park and walk children to courtyard door. All adults and children must wear masks. They are not to use the 'rider' line. One person per family is allowed to drop off PreK students. Older siblings may not be dropped off at this time.

### Extension Students

- Dismissed to the classrooms at 8:30 a.m.

### Bus Students

- Bus students will be dropped off in the rider line to ensure one-way traffic in the hallways.
- All buses will have a bus monitor to ensure social distancing.

### Riders

- Kindergarten through 8th grade students **must** enter through the rider line, no students will be allowed into school through the front doors, or any other doors.
- This drop-off time will be from 8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.
- Sidewalk markings will help maintain social distancing.

### All Students

- All students must go directly to their desks, no stopping at lockers or cubbies.



# Staggered Dismissal

## (Green and Yellow Phases)

All adults must wear masks when picking up students at the school. One adult per family is permitted to pick up students. A map for designated dismissal areas will be provided. Parents are asked to limit two designated people for pickup.

### **PreK 3 and PreK 4 Classes**

- Dismissal at 2:45pm. Parents will be met by the teachers/aides at three different designated spots.

### **Extension Students**

- Dismissed to their Extension location at 2:55 p.m.

### **Bus Students**

- Dismissed to the gym at 3:00 p.m. Bus students will sit in the gym by grade level.

### **Riders**

- Dismissal (wave of cohorts starting at 3:05 p.m.): 8th and 3rd; 7th and 2nd; 6th and 1st; 5th and Kindergarten; 4th. A space will be designated for each grade with visual reminders.



# Recess

- Students will have two scheduled 10-minute recess sessions: one AM and one PM, which will allow for time to remove masks with the proper social distancing.
- Students must maintain 6-feet social distance throughout recess.
- These recess sessions will be scheduled to ensure no overlaps with the outdoor space/designated outdoor recess areas.
- Only Pre K students will use the designated courtyard playscape and surrounding courtyard area.

# Lunch



- Each class will eat lunch in their classroom. Weather permitting, classes are encouraged to go outside for lunch, while maintaining 6-feet social distancing.
- Students will wash their hands and clean their desk surfaces before and after eating.
- Lunch will be available for purchase through Tops.
  - Parents MUST order meals and/or a la carte items using the *Tops* webpage on the St. Bridget School website. The latest time for ordering online is by 9 P.M. for the following day. No day of purchases will be allowed.
  - *Tops* will deliver lunch on carts to each classroom and disperse all class lunches to the person on duty.
  - Parents can choose to add money to their child's(ren's) account: 1) online, or 2) by choosing to send in money with their child in an envelope with the child's name on it.

# Enrichment



Enrichment classes will be on a two-week schedule during the Yellow Phase so that all students receive equal instructional time. The school will follow the guidelines set by the OEEC (Office of Education Evangelization and Catechesis).

## **Art, Spanish, Library and Music**

- Enrichment classes will be held in each homeroom class.
- The enrichment teacher will wash their hands before entering a new classroom and will sanitize any shared materials.
- Our Library Media Specialist will continue to allow students to check out books in a limited selection. Books will be stored one week before and after student use.

## **Physical Education**

- P.E. will be provided through a combination of in-classroom instruction and activities tailored to available spaces, restrictions on gatherings, and use of shared equipment.
- P.E. will focus on activities, fitness, exercises and sports that are teacher-led but performed individually and focus on lifetime fitness and well-being utilizing alternative environments, land-based activities, and individual activities such as strength development, power walking, hoop games, track and field.





# Enrichment (cont'd)

## **P.E. (cont'd)**

- The P.E. teacher will support social-emotional learning through classroom instruction and utilizing appropriate games and activities.
- The P.E. teacher will maintain regular cleaning and disinfecting of all indoor and outdoor facilities, playscapes, and equipment between use by students.

## **Future Musicians**

- Band lessons will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays for participating students in 4th through 8th grade.
- Band members will maintain proper spacing of at least 12-feet when students are performing wind instruments by scheduling large ensembles in auditoriums, outdoors, cafeterias, gyms or other large spaces. There will be focus on maximizing distancing for instruments that require blowing, compared with string or percussion instruments.
- The band instructor will maintain small homogeneous groupings of instruments for lesson instruction.

# Morning and Afternoon Extension Program



- AM and PM Extension will be offered to families during Green and Yellow phases.
- AM and PM Extension will be offered to PreK families during Red phase.
- The dining hall will be used for both morning and afternoon extension.
- The dining hall doors will be used for arrival and dismissal.
- Extension staff (director, teachers and aides) will implement and follow all COVID-19 social and health requirements to ensure the health and safety of all students, teachers and staff.
- All Extension child providers will receive PD prior to the start of school to ensure that all health and safety requirements and measures are implemented and followed.
- Students will remain in cohorts at Extension.



# Yellow Phase (Hybrid): Alternate Day In-School Instruction with Remote Learning

At the direction of the OEEC, we will transition to **Yellow** Phase. All **Green** Phase safety requirements/measures will also be adhered to in the **Yellow** Phase.

## **Grades 1 through 8**

- In-school instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Mondays and Wednesdays will be full days.
- Fridays will be early dismissal days.
- Remote learning will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## **PreK 3, PreK 4 and Kindergarten**

- In-school instruction Mondays through Fridays, with an early dismissal on Fridays.



# Red Phase: Remote Learning for K - 8 Students

At the direction of the OEEC we will transition to **Red Phase**.

- All instruction is delivered and completed remotely (synchronous and asynchronous technologies).
- Grade 1 and Grade 2 will use ClassDoJo; Grades 3 through 8 will use Google Classroom.
- Zoom or other live meeting platforms will be utilized throughout the day.
- Screencastify and other screen recording systems will also be used.
- Students and parents should expect and plan for a regular school day of instruction and learning at least 4 days per week.
- One day a week will be considered a make-up/review day for students and allow for faculty PD.
- A school device will be provided, if requested.



# Opting for Remote Learning

Families requesting the total remote learning option during the **Green** and **Yellow** Phases must commit to the full trimester.

Families must commit to remote learning for Trimester One by **Friday, August 7th, 2020**. Please send an email to Joanne Tenney at [jtenney@stbridgetschool.org](mailto:jtenney@stbridgetschool.org).

Remote Learning during the **Green** and **Yellow** Phases:

- Synchronous and asynchronous learning will occur when possible.
- A school device will be provided, if requested.

# Other



- Should any student, faculty, or staff member test positive for Covid-19, the school will follow all CDC, and local health authority guidelines. While maintaining confidentiality, the school will inform all families that there has been a positive case and what the procedure will be.
- When traveling, all families must follow CT quarantining guidelines and maintain communication with the school/nurse.
- No non-essential visitors will be allowed in the school at this time. Parents and visitors will be met at the door by office staff.
- Teachers will offer extra help sessions on an as needed basis, at the teacher's discretion.



# Resources:

[ADAPT, ADVANCE, ACHIEVE: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together](#)

[Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together - Summary](#)

[Cheshire Public Schools Reopening Plan](#)

[COVID Print Signs and Resources](#)

[Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together](#)

[Diocese of Bridgeport Reopening Plan](#)

[Office of Education Evangelization and Catechesis](#)