

Greetings all Veritas families and students,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy, happy and enjoying your summer break. Though I know this is going to be a challenging year, I feel so blessed to be welcomed back to Veritas for the 2020/2021 school year. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know some of the new policies I have put into place for the continued safety of all the students and staff. I welcome any feedback and if you have any concerns or questions, I invite you to reach out to me directly. There are no wrong questions. In addition to updated policies I have also completed several online training courses that pertain specifically to food safety during Covid19. I have decided to utilize US Foods when possible and will also use curbside pickup when I cannot get items delivered to lessen my risk of exposure shopping once a week. In addition to these changes, lunch will look a little different this year. I will be personally packaging and sealing each student's lunch. That means when your child receives his or her meal as long as the sticker is in place, no one else has had any direct contact with their food. Silverware and napkins will be prepackaged and wrapped and all condiments will be single use packets. In addition to an already strict cleaning policy, there will also be daily sanitation done by myself and Mrs. Coots. I am up to date on the products that are not only effective but are also food safe. We have a daily checklist to ensure that no areas are overlooked. We are asking that while food is being prepared that no one be allowed entry into the kitchen. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, that will need to be scheduled ahead of time with Mrs. Coots so that I may plan accordingly. If food is to be delivered to the classroom, the food will be placed outside the classroom and the teacher or aide will then pass out the lunches to their classroom. This will limit the exposure for each classroom. As we all know, this situation is constantly evolving and changing but please rest assured that I will continue to educate myself and will make any changes necessary to keep up with the recommendations of the CDC, FDA, ServSafe and our local government and health officials. The menu will look a little different when it comes to ordering so please make sure to make the appropriate decisions for your child as I will be packaging the meals from the order sheet. I know that there will be some trial and error as I navigate these uncharted waters but it is my personal promise to you that the safety and health of the students and staff will continue to be at the forefront of each and every decision I make. I hope that you all enjoy the last few weeks of summer and remember, eat your veggies!! I am counting down the days until we are all together.

Sincerely,

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