

Selwyn Elementary Parent Questions

1. How will remote or virtual learning be handled? Is it going to be anything like it was in the Spring? Remote learning this fall will not look like it did in the spring because of higher expectations that have been established by the state and district. The district has also provided instructional guidelines for the Plan B+Remote plan where it specifies the number of minutes for live instruction for each content area. Teachers and students will use Canvas courses in combination with live instruction. Teachers will be actively engaged throughout the day with whole and small group instruction.
2. How many days would each student go the first 2 weeks of school, and what would they do on the days they don't go to the school building during these first 2 weeks? Students will go to school each day designated by the week they are assigned. Week A will attend August 17 - 19; Week B August 20-21 & August 24-25; Week C will attend August 26 - 28. More information regarding the orientation activities will be communicated once finalized.
3. Will siblings be on the same schedule? Siblings at Selwyn? Siblings at other CMS schools (Selwyn/AG)? CMS will assign siblings on the same rotation (A, B, or C) to ensure families have the same schedule for their elementary, middle, and high school children. In the event an error occurs where the children have not been assigned the same week, the parent will contact the Transportation Department in CMS to correct the error.
4. Will the student go the entire day or just part of the day for his/her assigned days those first two weeks? Students will attend the entire day.
5. Will buses be running these 2 weeks? Yes, buses will be running during these 2 weeks of school.
6. Could Selwyn support organizing "pods" where kids grouped by ability are taught by one individual whether that is a parent or a hired tutor? Class rosters reflect heterogeneous groups, ensuring that all classes are balanced and equitable.
7. Will teachers be working remotely or will they physically be in the school? We are working with HR in order to ensure that we follow the necessary district guidelines and processes for all staff to ensure safety, help meet the needs of their personal families, as well as teach and take care of our students. More information will be provided for teachers before the first workday on August 6th.

8. What accountability will the teachers have? The district has provided guidelines for administrators with instructional expectations for Plan B+Remote and the Full Remote Academy. Those guidelines will be shared with all staff and communicated with parents before the start of school.
9. Will the students have consistent Zoom meetings? Meaning the same time every day or every week? Students will have consistent meetings that include the Morning Meeting, whole group math lessons and literacy Zoom sessions. Small group Zoom sessions will also be conducted based on students' needs and learning. More information will be provided before the start of school.
10. Will all students grade K-12 be on Canvas? Yes, for consistency across all school levels (elementary, middle, and high) all students will access their courses using Canvas.
11. Will the classes still be divided into three sections so that you are only working with a teacher once every three weeks? The classes will be divided into thirds as based on the week assigned by the district. The maximum number for the grades are: 12 students for grades K-2 and 16 students for grades 3-5. When students are at home completing remote learning, they will still receive instruction from their teacher.
12. How will specials be handled? Students will have specials everyday led by the Special Area teachers during Plan B +Remote. Specials will be recorded and uploaded on Canvas for the Full Remote Academy.
13. Can we find out teacher assignments earlier this year? In keeping with the Selwyn tradition, we will have a virtual "List Day." Class lists will be available for viewing at 5:00 p.m. on the school website the day before "Meet Your Teacher." The date and time for "Meet Your Teacher" will be determined and communicated via an opening of school letter, school website, and Connect Ed.
14. Would Dr. Harris be open to grouping students by academic ability based on last year's teacher recommendation/ grades/ test scores/ TD or not, etc. for classes? This way children can be taught by specific level. Class rosters reflect heterogeneous groups, ensuring that all classes are balanced and equitable.
15. Can we have more personalized teacher videos instead of the generic CMS videos? Teachers will have the ability to upload additional videos using the Canvas platform, but will also use the district videos for continuity.

16. If I elect the CMS full remote academy as an option for remote learning this fall for my student will my student have a Selwyn teacher? While the CMS Full Remote Academy uses the same curriculum platform, student numbers and teacher availability will drive the process and assignments. At this time Full Remote Academy students are not guaranteed Selwyn teacher. If you elect the Full Remote Academy the commitment is for the first semester. You will not be able to change that decision until the end of the semester.
17. What if I am concerned about the in-person orientation days in August but I do not want to choose the full remote academy? If you are concerned about the in-person orientation days in August, your child may choose to not attend those days but remain in the schedule with grade-level teachers at Selwyn in a remote learning environment. Your child will be coded with an unexcused absent if they do not participate in virtual learning those 10 days. If they do participate in the virtual learning it will be coded as an excused absent.