



**Oakbrook Prep School Re-Entry Update
Frequently Asked Questions
July 22, 2020**

When will school start this year?

Our [plan](#) is still to begin school on August 17th.

Will there be an orientation day?

- Lower school parents will make appointments to meet the teacher on August 17th. The first full student day is Tuesday, August 18th. You will receive more information on how to sign up soon.
- Middle and Upper School students will not have their traditional orientation day but will have virtual orientation during their homeroom on the 17th, which will be their first full day. Students will need to proceed to their first class of the day. Middle School will report to homeroom and Upper School will go to 2nd period upon arrival.

What will arrival and dismissal look like this year?

Oakbrook's campus will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. will need to go directly to Early Bird. At 7:45 a.m., Upper and Middle school students will go directly to their first class of the day. Any students who are not in a sports practice and are on campus after 3:15 p.m. will report to Knight Shift and will be invoiced. Due to safety and distancing protocols, this year Upper school students will also report to Early Bird and Knight Shift. **Due to the community spread levels of Covid-19, we are starting on the Orange re-entry plan and we ask that you refrain from using these services except for employment-related circumstances.** When we move to the yellow phase, we may be able to accommodate those that use these services for convenience. If you have *not* completed the Early Bird/Knight Shift [survey](#), please fill it out ASAP.

Where can I find Summer Assignments, Supply Lists, etc.?

Visit Oakbrook 101 at <https://www.oakbrookprep.org/oakbrook-101> for parent and student resources.

What are the new guidelines for illness?

Our health decisions will be made based on the "best practice" guidelines from DHEC and may be altered as new information about COVID-19 becomes available. The presentation of illness in the pediatric population does not always mirror that of the same disease process in adults. See Chart below.

Covid-19 can present as a variety of symptoms in a student population, the most common being:

Presentation of Illness

IF - a student/faculty member presents with any **1** of the following symptoms:

- Fever= 100.0 or higher
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or dyspnea
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting

OR

IF - a student/faculty member presents with any **2** of the following symptoms:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- Muscle/body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea

THEN - student/faculty member should stay at home or, if at school, will be dismissed to home

****If the signs/symptoms of illness are explainable by a medically documented underlying condition (ie. asthma, migraine, IBS) then exclusion from school MAY be modified.**

If my student is sick or sent home with symptoms, when can they return?

Student/faculty must remain at home until:

- Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 72 hours AND any other symptoms are improving.

OR

- Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 72 hours AND an approved test for Covid-19 and/or influenza is negative.

OR

- A medical examination determines that the symptoms are more likely due to another cause a doctor's note indicates a safe return to school.

We have guidelines and protocols developed based on exposure in a variety of situations that we will refer to as needed to determine if self-quarantine is needed.

What safety protocols are in place?

As a community, it's important that we all do our part and take our temperatures before starting the school day. Before a student, faculty, or staff member arrives on campus, each person must take their temperature and answer a few health screening questions (we are currently exploring the use of an app) before arriving at school. **Students will arrive on campus with their face coverings on in grades 4-12.** All students, faculty, and staff will be required to wash their hands throughout the day. Students in grades K3-4th will remain in their cohorts throughout the day, including lunch and recess. Students in grades 5-12 will move through their daily schedules following staggered class dismissal times to avoid crowding in hallways. We have also instituted classroom cleaning protocols.

When will my child have to wear a mask?

As recommended by health officials, the need for wearing masks has increased in public. With the guidelines for mask-wearing changing, we wanted to update our current expectations. Upper and Middle school students will be required to wear masks anytime they are not in their classroom. In addition, Upper and Middle School students will also be asked to wear masks in classes larger than 16 students and/or at the discretion of the teacher. Some Middle and Upper performing arts classes will also wear face shields in class for extra protection. Lower School students will need to wear masks or face shields during world language, music, and possibly when working one-on-one with teachers. Fourth grade will wear masks when traveling in the hallways.

What will lunch look like?

In Lower School, this year students will need to either order or pack lunches that do not need to be heated up. The Upper and Middle School students will eat lunch in small groups. There will be a limited number of microwaves available for heat-ups in the Upper and Middle school buildings. There will also be a limited menu to allow safe delivery to the lunch spaces. Look for new lunch menus soon!

What is Flex Friday?

Flex Friday is only for Upper School students. Flex Friday is an opportunity for Upper School students to attend school in person or online. It is a 7 period day and attendance will be taken both in person and online.

What technology will my child need at home and at school?

Students need access to wi-fi and a printer at home. Students in grades 2-5 will have a school-issued Chromebook that will be sent home if we were to move to the Red plan or if their class is quarantined. Students in Upper and Middle school will continue to use their own devices. (Grades 6th-7th -Chromebooks, 8th-12th any Chromebook, laptop or iPad that meets our [minimum standards criteria](#).)

What are the SAFE (Safe Access to Flexible Education) Grants? How do families apply?

SAFE Grants is an income-based program developed by Gov. Henry McMaster to address the educational needs of eligible K5-12 students who attend participating independent schools. Oakbrook has applied to be a participating school and is awaiting confirmation. The SAFE Grant will afford qualifying families (based on household income) up to \$6500 for the upcoming school year. The preliminary published information is that there will be 5000 total grants: the first 2500 will be awarded on a first come, first served basis while the remaining 2500 will be awarded via a lottery. The application for the grant has been tentatively set to open on **August 3**. For more information on the SAFE Grants and how to apply, please [click here](#).