

Webster County Board of Education

Janie S. Downer
Superintendent

7307 Washington Street
Preston, Georgia 31824
Phone: 229-828-3315
Fax: 229-828-3206

July 25, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty:

Enclosed you will find a breakdown of the Webster County School System's plans for opening the 2020-2021 school year. At this time, we are planning to have in-person instruction, but we will support remote learning for those students who have medical issues and for those parents who choose remote learning.

It is very important for you to carefully read the information enclosed as you make your decisions. Be assured that the campus is prepared to receive students. Months have been spent planning, preparing, and organizing for the challenges with which we are faced. All precautions have been and will continue to be taken.

As you review the information, you will see that a safe, secure, sanitized school awaits your children. You will also note that very specific steps will be taken to keep your children safe, secure and sanitized while at school. In addition, adjustments have been made in instruction strategies, delivery techniques, and curriculum materials to allow for transition from in-person to remote learning in the event that becomes necessary.

Please complete the Parent Survey and return it to the school in the stamped, self-address envelope.

The most important participants in our efforts to adjust to this extraordinary time, are the parents. You must teach the children about Covid-19. You must teach the children to social distance, wear masks, use sanitizers and wash their hands frequently. You must stress to the children the importance of following the directions of all adults. As teachers, we will support and continue protecting and teaching your children at school.

I will use REMIND, local newspapers, the school website, and the school scrolling sign to keep you informed of any changes as we make our way to September 8, 2020. Thank you for your support of the children of the Webster County School System.

Respectfully,



Mrs. Janie S. Downer

Students returning to Webster County Schools

- Parents are asked to take temperatures daily before the students leave home. If any signs of illness are evident, parents are required to keep students at home. If a student is or becomes ill while they are at school, he/she will be isolated in the clinic and parents will be required to pick him/her up immediately.
- Upon entering the school, Kiosks will be set up in the commons area with thermo cameras for temperature checks and automatic hand sanitizer dispensers. Motion activated sinks and sanitizers are being installed in the hallways. Automatic dispensers will also be available in the cafeteria.
- Masks are encouraged. Solid bandanas have been ordered for all students. If the student chooses to bring a mask from home, cloth masks are recommended. Bandanas will be collected, identified and cleaned daily.
- For students in grades Pre-K – 8th, IDs are required to be worn on their backs.
- Pre-K towels sent at the beginning of the year will be washed daily at the school.
- Water fountains will not be available. Students are being asked to bring clear water bottles with their names on them, and smaller clear water bottles for younger kids. Parents will have the option to purchase bottled water from the school at cost, as long as it is available.
- Students will be instructed in all health and safety procedures. Social distancing will be observed by all.
- Hallways will be marked to ensure flow of traffic. Movement will be specifically routed and closely monitored by faculty and staff. Only two students will be allowed in the restrooms at a time, also monitored by faculty.
- Cleaning and sanitizing products will be available to all students throughout the day. Classrooms will be sanitized each period. Atomizers will be used for sanitizing the building, furnishing and busses.
- All meals are required to be eaten in the classrooms. Disposable utensils and trays will be used for meals.

DISTANT / REMOTE LEARNING

If parents/guardians choose remote learning for their student(s), they must commit to that choice for the entire semester. Students will not be allowed to change the course of study until the following semester.

Programs Available for Distant Learning:

Pre K	Free On-line Activity Sites Google Classroom (for Teacher involved activities)
K – 2 nd Grade:	Reading Eggs and Math Seeds Moby Max for all Subjects Teacher Prepared Work Packets
3 rd – 5 th Grade:	IXL in all Subjects Teacher Prepared Work Packets
6 th – 12 th Grade:	APEX Learning
Special Ed:	Moby Max

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- It is generally agreed in school systems that social distancing on school busses will not be possible. We will require that siblings sit together on the bus. Students will be assigned seats and may not change seats under no circumstances.
- All students riding the bus **are required** to wear masks.
- Bus drivers will be encouraged to wear masks.
- Sanitizer will be available on the buses.
- All busses will be atomized with a disinfectant after students arrive at school each morning and again after the last student is delivered home in the afternoons.
- Students will be instructed in all health and safety procedures regarding bus transportation.
- Parents are asked to check their child(ren)'s temperatures before leaving home each morning. Parents are required to keep the students at home if any signs of illness are evident.
- **Parents are encouraged to transport students to and from school if at all possible.**

NOTE- All plans are subject to adjustments. Guidelines from the Governor's office, DOE, DPH, and CDC will be followed.

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHOOLS

2020-2021 Parent Survey for Opening School

Please take time to complete the survey and return it to the school in the self addressed envelope provided. It is very important that we have updated telephone numbers and addresses in order to reach parents when needed. Also, if you have not signed up for REMIND, please do so. Important information will be sent through REMIND.

1. Will your child(ren) be attending school in person for the 2020-2021 school year?
2. How will your child(ren) be transported to school?
3. Does your child(ren) have internet access available for daily use?
4. What type of technology do you have access to? (Example: computer; tablet, cell phone)

Student(s) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

911 Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____
