

Dear Brighton Families

The health and safety of our school community continues to be our top priority. Please know that all decisions we make derive around our community of learners, our committed educators, and dedicated staff. Recently, [Governor Inslee announced the guidelines for opening schools this fall](#). The restrictions include orders to follow county level data monitoring before reopening for in-person instruction. To resume in-person instruction for elementary age students, a county must meet the recommended case numbers for 14 consecutive days. We continue to explore options and review guidelines, while working very closely with county health officials to open our school safely.

While we continue to work with county health officials to return to in-person instruction as soon as possible, **we have determined it is in the best interest of our school community to formalize the decision for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade to start school with distance learning.** Please be aware that as measures with COVID-19 continue to evolve, we will develop our decisions and practice. It is our absolute desire to open for in-person instruction as soon as it is safe and approved to do so. We are ready! We are prepared for all scenarios and adaptable in our practice to meet the needs of our school community.

ECE Families (Preschool/PreK)

Our Preschool/PreK program is planning to remain 5-day in-person following the guidelines from the CDC, Snohomish Health Department and the Department of Children, Youth and Families. We will have smaller than normal class sizes and continue to follow the health and safety guidelines for the classroom. Sanitation will be happening throughout the day and nightly. At night the janitorial staff will use an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer.

Drop-Off: (Use drive-through)

8:35 - 8:45 a.m.*

Pick-Up: (Use drive-through)

Half-day pick-up: 11:35 - 11:45 a.m

Full-day pick-up: 2:35 - 2:45 p.m.*

*Drive-through times may change slightly as we matriculate more students back on campus. More details around drop-off/pick-up to come.

Online Academy Families

We will use the current COVID-19 case number guidelines presented by the governor as our guide for returning to in-person instruction (hybrid or 5 day). If you signed up for the online academy but are interested in the possibility of returning to in-person when following the guidelines from the state, please let us know by Thursday August 20th. If you choose this option it will be a commitment to coming back in-person in some form when the school decides under the current guidelines. If you commit to the Online Academy it will be for the entire semester, possibly the school year. For planning and staffing purposes you must commit to one or the other.

****Middle School OA Families: due to the low numbers, your student will follow the distance learning plan from Brighton teachers and then live stream classes if you don't wish to have your student back in person when the school moves back to some form of in-person.***

Our leadership team has worked throughout the past several months to continue to develop our Distance Learning program, with considerations given to the feedback received from many families on last year's Distance Learning survey.

Between now and the start of school, faculty and staff will focus our attention on preparing for a seamless back-to-school transition, starting the school year with distance learning, working through the logistics of a virtual back to school, which would include community building, and distribution of materials and technology. We will send more information about our updates to the program, family orientation, and student/teacher meet and greet. You can look forward to your child's teacher sending you the details of the distance learning schedule, which will align with a traditional school day.

We are committed to remain in communication with you as additional plans are finalized and hope that this decision enables families to better plan for the beginning of the school year. We absolutely look forward to communicating the details of in-person learning as soon as we have approval. However, rest assured that your child is in great hands with our distance learning program until we can meet again.

Please see below for important back to school information and dates.

Educational Assistants

While we unfortunately had to furlough EA/Support staff to end the school year with the unexpected shutdown in the spring, we are committed to bringing back EAs for the school year and they will not be furloughed during distance learning.

Important Dates

Here are some key dates to note. Specific times will be sent out next week for some events.

- **August 21st - Teacher Assignments & Class Schedule:** Families will be emailed their teacher and class schedule.
- **August 27th - New Family Welcome @ 3:00pm:** Please join us online to welcome our new families and students. We are requesting that current families volunteer to join as well to welcome new families and students. After welcoming everyone, we will break out into grade specific rooms for families and students to meet each other.
 - [New Family Welcome Form](#)
- **September 1st - iPad Pick Up (K-8):** Come to the school to pick your iPad from the school. Designated times will be sent the week before.
- **September 1st - iPad Orientation Material:** Information will be made available online for families to orient themselves with the iPad.
- **September 8th - Virtual Student Orientation (ECE-8):** Meet your teacher and classmates online for a fun meet and greet and classroom plans for the upcoming year.
- **September 9th - First Day of School**

Class Schedules

[Click her for sample schedules](#). Sample schedules are for K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Grade level specific schedules will vary slightly for age appropriate needs. We are committed to providing a full educational experience while in distance learning.

iPad Models by Grade Level

Students will need an iPad case and an Apple charger for their iPad.

- *K - 1st*: iPad Air (1st Gen)
- *2nd - 6th*: iPad (5th Gen)
- *7th - 8th*: iPad (7th Gen; Apple Pencil Compatible)

Class Supply List

Teachers have created Amazon Wishlist for back to school supplies your student will need. Please click on your grade level to view the list. Many items are not brand specific if you choose to find a different brand.

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

[5th Grade](#)

[Middle School](#)

Sincerely,

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