

## **Covid Protocols 2021-2022**

1. Village Gate will continue utilizing our outdoor spaces significantly, minimizing the number of students indoors at any given time. The indoor spaces will be well-ventilated with windows and doors kept open.
2. Village Gate will install a medical grade HEPA air purifier in each of the classrooms.
3. The Village Gate staff will be Covid tested weekly. If a staff member has any symptoms of Covid, they will be asked to take a Covid Test immediately to rule out Covid. If negative, they will be permitted back to work with a mask. If positive, they will follow the protocols listed below for students and families.
4. Village Gate parents will continue to do their part and err on the side of caution, keeping sick children home. Village Gate parents agree to continue to be extra cautious. No child will be admitted to school if they have a fever, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, headache, nausea or diarrhea.
5. Temperatures will be taken daily and no child will be admitted with a fever higher than 99.5. Middle School and Upper Elementary drop-off will be 8:10 – 8:25. Parents can drive up and drop off your student without waiting for the temp check. Temperature checks will be done near the handwashing station. Parents agree to be on call should they need to come back. Newer Elementary and Kindergarten drop-off will be 8:20 – 8:40. A family that has an older child as well, will have arrival at 8:20-8:30 and are welcome to drop all of their children off at the Upper Elementary carline. If a parent walks their child up to the Newer Elementary arrival table, temperatures will be taken there prior to their child going up to the handwashing stations.
6. All children will wash their hands at one of the portable handwashing stations or in one of the bathrooms immediately upon arriving to school.
7. When inside, masks will be worn by staff and students. Because every family who wishes to vaccinate their child, does not currently have that available to them, we will all work together to ensure support one another until such time that vaccinations are available to all who want them or the infection rate in our area allows for a change. As such, all students will be required to have a well-fitting, proper mask every day.
8. Outdoors, masks are optional. Anyone who wants to wear a mask, should wear one knowing that all members of the community support each other in caring for themselves in the manner that they feel is best. If a student is wearing a mask outdoors and a staff member works closely with them, the staff member will wear a mask also.
9. Lunch and snack will happen outdoors.
10. If a parent goes onto the campus (past the stairs), we ask that you please wear a mask.

### **Positive Covid Cases:**

If anyone living in the household tests positive or comes in contact with someone who has tested positive, it is the parent's responsibility to communicate with the school IMMEDIATELY. We ask that you please over-communicate with regards to this!

If anyone in your household tests positive, your child will be required to stay home and quarantine for a minimum of 10 days once a positive case has been confirmed.

If your student tested positive, he or she may come back once it has been 10 days since their positive test AND they are symptom free for 24 hours.

If someone in your household tests positive, we request that your student be quarantined from the family member who tested positive. Your student can return to school once it has been 10 days since your family member received their positive result AND your child has tested negative within 24 hours of returning.

If your child needs to stay home, please know that from our perspective, their first job is for them to get well. We are not worried about them getting work done if they are ill. However, if they are not ill and need work, we will provide work packets in Kindergarten and Elementary. The teachers will also do periodic in-person check-ins and will be able to answer questions during their down time. In Middle School, students can continue to access Google classroom for assignments and communication as well as meet with teachers via Google Meet as necessary during the work cycle.

### **Rain:**

Weather will continue to be an opportunity to work with the outdoors and get creative at how best to make this experience an adventure.

As with last year, there is no bad weather, only poor clothing choices. Please dress your child according to the weather.

This year, if it rains, we will not have rain days. We will have school in-person, utilize the indoor spaces, and enclose the tents. Because the spaces will be enclosed, masks will be worn. If you are not comfortable with your child being in an enclosed space or wearing a mask, it is completely acceptable for you to keep your child home.

I agree to these protocols and expectations and agree to uphold them.

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Mother's Signature

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Date

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Father's Signature

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