



OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“Sailing Toward Success”

August 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are probably feeling quite overwhelmed as we all have felt in navigating through the plans for fall reopening and the recent draft OXPS Re-Entry Plan Blueprint. I write to you today to clarify the District’s two options this fall and hopefully to clear up some of your questions. When school reopens in September, students will have two learning options to begin the school year.

Option 1: Hybrid Learning Model - *Week-on/Week-off (Monday-Thursday); Fridays will be remote for all students for a shortened day.*

For those who elect **Option 1: Hybrid Learning Model** - Students will begin the year with remote learning at least the month of September. We will then assess the medical data at the end of September and make the decision whether to stay in remote or move to a hybrid model which combines some in-person learning with remote learning. As the information in the Re-Entry Plan indicates, the hybrid model will be a week-on/week-off schema (Monday-Thursday) with Friday being a shorter remote day for all students. School start and end times will not change.

Option 2: Remote Learning Model - *A self-directed, independent virtual learning experience using a learning management platform with some opportunities for synchronous and/or asynchronous experiences and with some guiding/coaching/tutoring from a Virtual Learning Supervisor.*

For those who elect **Option 2: Oxford Public Schools Virtual Learning Academy (OXPSVLA)** - Students will have two variations with this option. As we are beginning the school year with remote learning for all students (at least through the end of September before eventually moving to hybrid), you may elect to start your child in remote learning and when the District moves to hybrid then switch to OXPSVLA. The other variation of the Virtual Learning Academy is to start with OXPSVLA from the first day of school.

I am also attaching the revised school calendar and OXPS Re-Entry Blueprint Plan document which has been edited to include additional clarification on the two models and sample schedules. The school year for students will start on September 16th. September 16 & 17 will be orientation days for students split into cohort groupings, one cohort attending each day. In addition, orientation for families will occur during these days. Principals will be providing you with the exact details at a later date. September 18th is a professional development day for staff with students not in school on that day. Monday, September 21st will be the first full day of remote learning for those who elect hybrid learning and for those students in OXPS Virtual Learning Academy who wish to start the school year in remote learning and transition into OXPSVLA when the District moves to hybrid. All other Virtual Learning Academy students will start on September 16th.

Finally, we are requesting that you click on the below link and complete the Information Request Form that we are asking all parents/guardians complete and submit electronically no later than August 18th. **Please note that we are requesting that you submit an information sheet for each child.** Thank you again for your understanding and patience. Please feel free to contact me at knash@oxps.org. **To complete/submit: [INFORMATION REQUEST](#)**

Warmest regards,

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