

Together Again

School Reopening Plan
Fall 2020



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NEW YORK

Welcome Back to Our School

Dear Parents,

August, 2020

We have been working hard over the summer to prepare our school for reopening on Tuesday 8th September, 2020. At NAISNY, we recognize that while we are all very keen for our children to return to the school they love, there have been a wide range of experiences over the past months and we need to support our school community at this time. When creating our reopening plan, we have continually held the following aims at the core of our planning:

1. To create a school environment that is as safe as possible for both students and staff.
2. To deliver high-quality in-person learning for all those who want it, while adhering to all safety guidelines.
3. To recognize that some families may not feel ready to return to school yet, and to ensure that their children continue to receive their education virtually.

To achieve our aims, we have followed the guidance published by the Center for Disease Control, the New York Department of Health and the New York Department of Education. What follows is a summary of the procedures and processes that we will be applying throughout the school when we reopen, as well as key information for all students to ensure a smooth beginning to the academic year.

The school will be open for all year groups for the full five-day week and will be running as “normal” a schedule as possible under the circumstances (excluding extra-curricular activities). We are working under the premise that we start with the utmost of care and then possibly reduce the level of our precautions at a later date, as a school we will be constantly reviewing all the evidence. Obviously, everything in this plan is subject to change, either because we decide to adjust our practices once school is open, or because we are mandated to operate differently by the City or State.

Although this document covers most aspects of school life, it will undoubtedly raise further questions too and we will be continuing to extend our FAQ section on our website as we move to and beyond the start of term. We hope to provide enough information for parents to make an informed decision regarding the return of their children, but if anything has not been addressed/clarified in this document, please reach out to us for further information. While we are excited to be able to operate as a physical school again, we understand that, despite all our precautions, some families may be nervous about returning. We believe that sending their children back to school is a choice that must be made by families, not by the school, and it is our aim to be able to provide virtual provision for those students who may initially be remaining at home. Any choice made is not binding, through continued communication with the school, families can return once they feel ready to do so.

I would like parents to understand that, while we are committed to remote learning, our focus is on classroom teaching, so it may not be possible to deliver a synchronous virtual experience to the same high level as we offered before the summer. However, we still want to ensure that students at home can continue to make progress and be connected to the school.

We are looking forward to being together again and working with our families to ensure the best for every student.
Best wishes,
Barrie Scrymgeour, Principal

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2020-21 Academic Calendar



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Autumn Term

Tuesday September 8th
First Day of Term

Monday October 12th
Indigenous Peoples' Day
(School Closed)

Saturday October 17th
School Curriculum Day

Monday November 23rd
-Friday November 27th
Thanksgiving Break

Friday December 18th
- Friday January 1st
Winter Holiday (school closes at
Noon on Friday 18th December)

School Calendar 2020-2021

Spring Term

Monday January 4th
First Day of Term

Monday January 18th
Martin Luther King, Jr
Holiday (School Closed)

Monday February 15th
President's Day (School
Closed)

Saturday February 20th
School Curriculum Day

Monday March 22nd
- Friday April 2nd
Spring Mid-Term Break

Summer Term

Monday April 5th
First Day of Term

Monday May 31st
Memorial Day)School
Closed)

Saturday June 5th
School Curriculum Day

Friday June 18th
Graduation and Awards
Ceremony (School Closes
at Noon)



Health and Safety Overview



SCREEN

All individuals coming on campus are subject to health checks



CLEAN

Regular disinfecting and deep cleaning of areas in, during, and after use



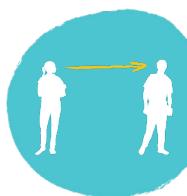
HYGIENE

Regular handwashing and availability of hygiene supplies



DISPOSE

Proper disposal of PPE and used cleaning supplies



DISTANCE

Maintenance of grouping size and separation guidelines

Health and Safety Overview

Screen

- Community education on self-monitoring of possible COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff, students and parents be on alert for any symptoms of COVID-19 and will be required to stay home if not feeling well.
- Staggered arrival/dismissal times to limit contact and exposure.
- Health/temperature screenings will be conducted daily for all staff, students and visitors.
- Any person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 on campus will immediately be brought to an isolation area and the NAISNY Response Plan (pages 17&18) will be implemented.
- Mandatory self-assessment for all students and staff in the mornings prior to arrival, recorded online, confirmed with the morning welcome team on the school door

Clean

- Community education on scheduled cleaning throughout the school day.
- Adherence to CDC recommendations for proper cleaning and enhanced sanitation procedures for our facility.
- Increased number of cleaning staff during the school day.
- Minimize use of shared supplies.
- Lunches to be eaten in the classroom. Meals to be brought from home or individually portioned meals provided by Flik, the catering company who provide our school meals.
- Disinfection protocols for high use areas scheduled throughout the day and each evening.
- Additional cleaning resources provided for frequent cleaning in the classroom.

Hygiene

- Community education on correct personal hygiene (handwashing, coughing and sneezing correctly).
- Increased signage on campus and availability of supplies to promote healthy hygiene habits.
- Personalized equipment will be used whenever possible (e.g. no shared resources within the classroom. Any shared resources would be sanitized between each use).
- Visitors are required to wear face coverings on campus.
- All staff will be required to wear a face covering when in contact with children or when social distancing is not feasible when with other adults.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all students during arrival/dismissal, moving between classes and in all common areas.
- Face coverings will be mandatory during all in class instruction for students, if social distancing is not possible.
- Children in Early Years will be required to wear a face mask when not in their ‘bubbles’.
- Either disposable or reusable face masks can be used in school. Cloth face masks should be washed daily.
- Face masks need to be handled correctly by all: only the ear loops should be touched when putting on and removed. When not being worn, face masks should be kept in a clean/sanitized box or bag with no other objects. Read the CDC’s guidance on cloth face coverings.
- Lockers will be temporarily out of use and personal items should be taken home each day.
- Designated isolation space for suspected case on campus.
- Water dispensers will be available in each bubble. Students are should bring a water bottle each day.

Health and Safety Overview

Dispose

- Staff training (ongoing) on the proper use of PPE and disposal.
- Increased signage throughout the campus on the disposal of cleaning products and PPE.

Distance

- Community education on CDC guidelines for physical distancing.
- Increased signage throughout the campus on physical distancing.
- Current physical distancing guidelines will be monitored and enforced in all areas.
- Students will remain in their ‘bubbles’ with limited movement between floors and classrooms by staff.

- Student seating in class will be arranged to maximize physical distancing, for example, desks may be arranged to face in a single direction.
- Signage will indicate a one-way or controlled movement system across the campus (e.g. stairwells and corridors).
- Physical distancing will be required when using any common spaces (e.g. gym).
- Visitors to the campus will be limited throughout the day. All visitors will be by appointment only and will be temperature checked and required to complete the health screening self-assessment protocol

NOTE: The information in the Screen, Clean, Hygiene, Dispose, and Distance sections is subject to change based on new requirements and recommendations provided by local and state authorities.



Social, Emotional Health & Wellbeing

At NAISNY, we place emphasis on supporting and developing the whole child. The social and emotional health of students is enhanced through school. Social interaction among students is important not only for emotional wellbeing, but also for children's language, communication, social and interpersonal skills. Some students may have experienced social isolation and increased anxiety while not physically being in school due to COVID-19. Resuming in-person instruction can support students' social and emotional wellbeing. Schools provide a foundation for socialization among children. When children are out of school, they may be separated from their social network and peer-to-peer social support. Schools can facilitate the social and emotional health of children through lessons that develop students' skills to recognize and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, appreciate others' perspectives, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Having opportunities to be physically active through breaktime and physical education can also help improve students' emotional health and wellbeing. These physical activities should be provided regularly to students in a safe and supportive environment that includes physical distancing and strategies to reduce close contact between students.

At NAISNY, we have adapted our curriculum and ensure that we are reflecting the need for students to focus on their thoughts, feeling and emotions. Increased time is allocated within timetables for all age groups and staff have received training from the Assistant Head of School responsible for student wellbeing, Ms. Clare. Staff, including our School Nurse, are available at all times to listen and support any students who raises any concerns or question regarding wellbeing and emotional health.

REFERENCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





Visitor Guidelines

In order to keep our community safe, we will be, as far as possible, limiting all visitors (non-staff or students) entering our building. This includes parents during arrival and dismissal (please see arrival and dismissal procedures) and meetings with teachers.

All parents, visitors, contractors, and third parties must:

- Comply with NAISNY COVID-19 protocols (e.g. temperature checks before entering the site and completion of self-assessment).
- Maintain physical distancing.
- Wear a face mask at all times.
- Understand they will only be allowed on site by appointment or invitation only. Any other meetings should occur virtually.

School Continuity: What Will School Look Like in the Fall?

Ways to Learn at NAISNY

From Tuesday 8th September, NAISNY is offering three ways for students learn. Each of the following options is explained in more detail in other parts of this document.



In-Person Schooling

- Takes place on campus
- Offers in-person instruction
- Occurs 5 days per week
- **Occurs with the class**

or

Classroom Connect

- Takes place online at home
- Allows students to work with their peers
- Uses Microsoft Teams
- Offers opt-in/out in 10-day blocks
- Blends live and pre-recorded content
- **Occurs with the class**

or

Virtual Schooling

- Offered during mandated closure only
- Uses Microsoft Teams for lessons and the submission of assignments
- Follows the same class timetable
- Blends live and pre-recorded content

- ✓ Same class
✓ Same teachers
✓ Same lesson content

- ✓ Same timetable
✓ Same assessment and reporting

School Continuity: What Will School Look Like in the Fall?

Arrival and Dismissal

To minimize contact between groups of students, and to facilitate health and temperature checks before entering the school campus, arrival and dismissal will occur as follows:

Drop Off:

Upper School 8am - 8:15am

Lower School 8:15am - 8:30am

Early Years 8:30am - 8:45am

Pick Up:

Early Years 3pm outside the classroom

Lower School 3:15pm at the school door

Upper School 3:30pm at the school door

Notes:

- Siblings will have the option to arrive and depart together and will follow the schedule of the youngest sibling. For example, if you have two children, one in Year 5 and one in Reception, the Year 5 student would arrive and depart with their younger sibling and proceed straight to class.
- Masks must be worn by all students, staff and parents during arrival and dismissal. If a student does not have a mask with them, they will not be allowed to enter the building until they are provided with one. We have stock at school to support with this, however students repeatedly turning up at school without a mask run the risk of being denied entry to the building.
- No parents of Lower or Upper School will be allowed into the facility during arrival and dismissal.
- Early Years students may be escorted to their classroom by one family member.

Before School – Health and Safety

When arriving at school, parents/guardians will be required to wait with the student/s until a temperature check is completed and the health questionnaire is confirmed. Any student with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be required to wait with their parent/guardian for 15 minutes before being rechecked. If the temperature is still above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the student will not be permitted in school.

Classroom Layout

All classroom furniture will be arranged to provide maximum distance between the total number of students in each class. Each classroom layout will be unique to the needs of the year level.

Lunch

- Boxed lunches will be prepared for all full-time students.
- All boxed meals will be individually portioned and delivered to the classroom.
- All lunches will be consumed in the classroom. The canteen space will not be used at the beginning of term.
- Menus will be available to order from online via the Flic APP.

Field Trips

All off-site games and field trips/excursions will be postponed for the Fall term. We will re-evaluate this position during the Fall for later in the academic year. We will also continue to explore virtual trip options to further enrich our curriculum.

School Continuity: What Will School Look Like in the Fall?

Uniform

- Summer uniform will remain unchanged for now. We will review uniform requirements as we progress through the year.
- Students will be required to wear PE kit to school for the entire day when they have PE/Games. Exact timetables for each class will be confirmed at the start of term.
- There will be no changing between PE kit and school uniform during the day.
- It is expected that students are sent to school each day with their own face mask and at least one spare. Both masks will need to be kept in a separate clean/sanitized bag/box. The school will have supplies of disposable PPE to support with this.
- Uniform should be washed daily.

Specialist Lessons

In order to minimize student movement, where possible, specialist lessons will take place in student's classrooms or virtually. PE will take place in the gym. Sessions that sometimes require specialized facilities (Music and Art), will take place in student's classrooms where possible, but occasionally move to specialist classrooms if necessary. All specialist spaces will be cleaned between uses.

Virtual School 2020-21

As previously stated, our preference is always for the return to in-person instruction. However, should the state/city mandate school closure we will move to Virtual School provision. This would be for all enrolled students. We will have the plans for this ready from the start of the 20-21 academic year to minimize disruption to students and staff should this be necessary.

Breaks

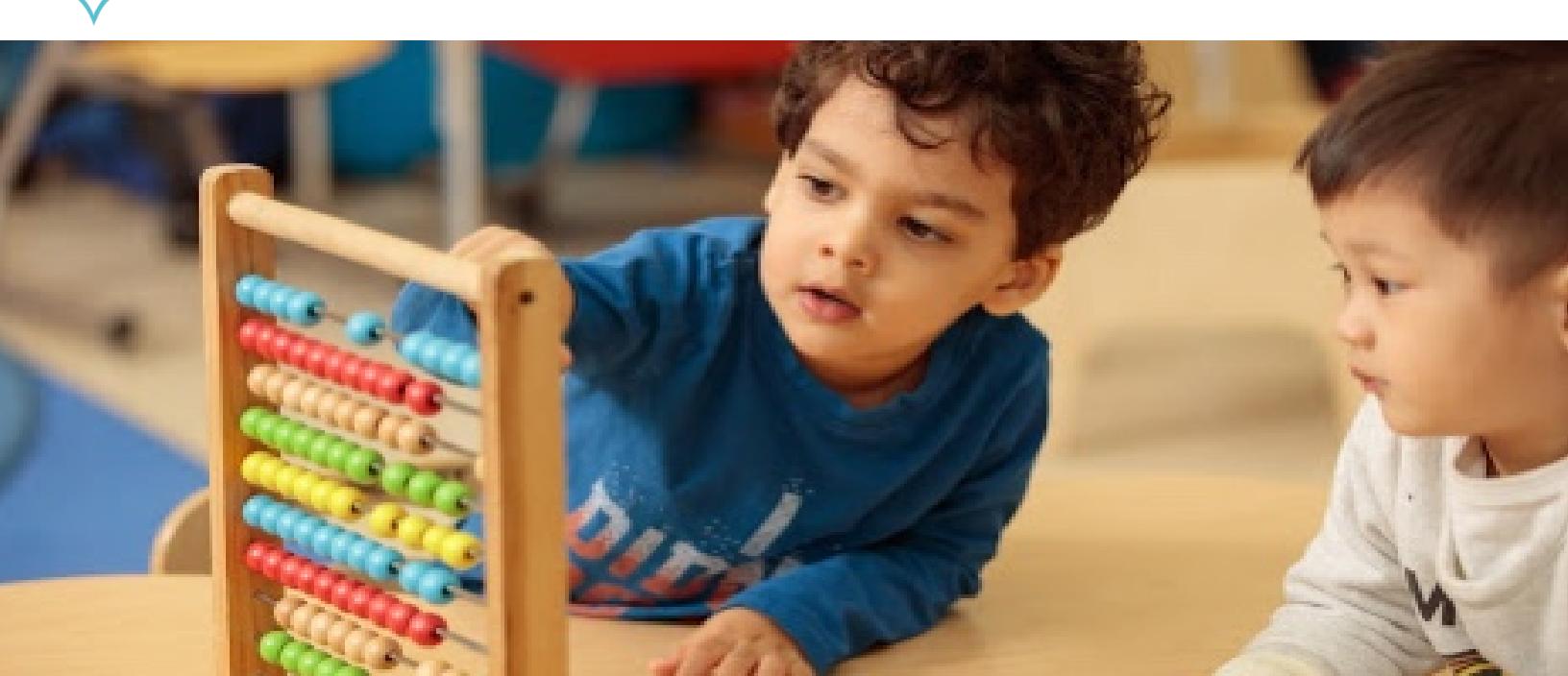
We will be increasing the frequency of breaks throughout the school day to ensure students are given ample opportunity to socialize and take a break from their classroom. These will be in addition to break and lunch times on their class timetable. As much as possible, we will prioritize opportunities for the students to be outside to allow for physical distancing and social opportunities without masks, using both our school rooftop and surrounding community resources.

After School Care/Fall Clubs & Activities

Extended day care will be available from 3:30pm until 6pm each day.

CCAs will not run until October at the earliest. We will review the situation and communicate with families about the options at that point.

Peripatetic lessons will not run until October at the earliest.



About Classroom Connect

In order to cater to the needs of our community, and based on the results of our recent survey, we have designed and created an alternative schooling option we like to call Classroom Connect. Classroom Connect, using Microsoft Teams, is a temporary option that allows students to remain connected to their classrooms while they are not on campus for an extended period of time. While we know nothing can replace the experience students get from being in a real classroom, we want to ensure that everyone who wants to be a student at NAISNY is able to do so, regardless of their location or personal/family situation.

There are a number of reasons a family may choose to participate in our Classroom Connect option, including, but not limited to, the inability to physically return to school due to health or distance. Participation in this option is only available for extended absences longer than 10 days (two full weeks of school).

Participation

All families will be sent an email asking them if they wish to sign up for Classroom Connect. After the initial sign up, parents will be able to sign up for Classroom Connect by contacting the admissions office at admissions@ny.nae.school

Overview

- Attendance will be registered daily.
- Familiar online platforms (Classroom Connect will be facilitated through Microsoft Teams).
- Live interaction and participation in class lessons through webcam.
- Live interaction and socialization with students in the classroom via webcam and Microsoft Teams.
- Submission of assignment/class work through Microsoft Teams. Please note, some assignments may be modified to reflect supplies available at home.
- Pre-recorded sessions for when live sessions are not practical.
- Feedback on completed work through Microsoft Teams.
- Access to school staff through Microsoft Teams.

Expectations

School Expectations	Student Expectations	Parent Commitment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily live lessons in most subjects (e.g. English, Math, IPC). Opportunities to collaborate with students in school and other Classroom Connect students. Pre-recorded sessions for when live sessions are not practical. Feedback on assignments through Microsoft Teams. Weekly scheduled 1:1 call with class teacher to discuss progress. Register taken each morning. Classroom Connect students to live stream into morning registration/activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a good digital citizen and demonstrate the school values at all times. Join live stream content and be punctual. Complete assignments by given deadlines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for Classroom Connect by given deadlines. Contact school about all absence from Classroom Connect lessons. Monitor student progress at home and ensure all assignments are completed on time. Active participation in aiding with the delivery of instruction. Instructional support needs will vary depending on student age and parents should expect to support their child in some manner on a daily basis. Communicate with the teacher on a regular basis. Ensure the student has a suitable device and reliable internet.

Questions & Answers

Can a student be enrolled in Classroom Connect for all of the Fall term or school year?

At this time Classroom Connect is planned for the Fall term, therefore it is possible to remain enrolled in it for this time. We will evaluate during the term if this will be continued throughout the academic year.

Will students in Classroom Connect receive the same academic report each term?

Yes, assessment for students enrolled in Classroom Connect will be the same as students attending in-person lessons.

Can my child switch between Classroom Connect and in-person learning?

Consistency is very important for any child's educational and personal growth. Therefore, we would recommend that families limit switching back and forth between the two programs, unless absolutely necessary. The experience within the classroom is the best environment for learning, but we know that due to circumstances, some students will need to spend extended time in Classroom Connect. We are here to support the NAISNY community, whether their child is in Classroom Connect for 10 days or the entire term. Cut-off dates for enrolling and switching will be published well in advance to allow for families to plan accordingly. Classroom Connect will also be made available to students in the event that an individual or a year group is forced to move off campus (e.g. forced closure due to suspected or confirmed case).

Classroom Connect



Can students who are sick for a short period switch to Classroom Connect?

Due to the level of planning required for Classroom Connect, it will only be available for students who are signed up in advance. Students who are absent for short periods of time will not be able to switch to Classroom Connect.

Is there a difference between Classroom Connect and Virtual Schooling?

Yes, there is a difference between the two. Classroom Connect is for students who are unable to return to campus when classes are in session at school. It will use Microsoft Teams, which was our preferred platform during Virtual School in the Summer Term. However, it will mirror the in-person class timetable and not run in the same way as Virtual School previously.

Virtual School will only be used as an emergency response to a state mandate that would require school closure. At this time all students would transition to Virtual School.

How would Classroom Connect work? How will the teacher include Classroom Connect students?

Teachers will adapt and prepare for this new approach in the classroom through the sharing of ideas and collaborative planning during the induction period for staff. Ways in which a teacher might include Classroom Connect students could include the following:

- In-person schooling students working with a student who is present via a device
- An in-person student buddying-up with a Classroom Connect student for lessons and breaks
- Classroom Connect students given a set time to work off-line for independent work
- Teachers spending a few additional minutes with Classroom Connect students after teacher led inputs to ensure understanding
- Online quizzes/other activities where all students are on a device

These are examples of how the two approaches could be connected, but individual teachers and year groups will be continuously monitoring and revising their own styles within the classroom.



Health Screening Questions

Before coming to campus, please answer the following questions:

Has your child had a body temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or above, or used a fever reducing medication in the last 24 hours to treat a body temperature of 100.4°F or above?

Has your child had any of the following symptoms?



New/Worsening Cough



Chills/Body Aches

Diarrhea

Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing

Headache



Loss of Taste/Smell

Nausea/Vomiting



Fatigue

Congestion/Runny Nose



Sore Throat

In the last 14 days, has your child, or anyone in your household, had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19?

In the last 14 days, has your child visited any of the states currently requiring quarantine after travel per **New York's Emergency Travel Order**? Visit this link for the up to date list:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please keep your child home from school and contact our school nurse with questions. Please also contact your child's medical provider for evaluation, treatment, and information about when you can return to school.

The Role of Our School Nurse

As per New York guidelines, NAISNY has a full time qualified nurse available to respond to medical situations and provide support to all our students.

At the start of school day:

- The school nurse will be available in case a student arrives at school who is unwell.
- Any student who is unwell or has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees, will be checked by the nurse and she will communicate with the parents directly.

During the school day:

- Any student who has a non COVID related medical need will be able to visit the nurse.
- Teachers will contact the nurse and she will collect the child and take them to the nurse's room for treatment.

Before and throughout the school year:

- Our school nurse will be contacting families to ensure we have the most up to date medical information for every child.
- Our school nurse will be regularly updating our procedures based on the CDC, DOE and DOH guidelines.



Nurse Ana will be completing a weekly audit of our procedure

The nurse will always contact parents about any medical treatment. Any student who has COVID related symptoms will be isolated by the school nurse and she will follow the school's containment procedure.

NAISNY COVID-19 Response Plan

Monitoring Through Key Medical Information

The information we will be collecting is:

- Medical history
- Key information about the immediate family medical history (related to COVID)
- Relevant travel information

Please be aware, as a school we support local Health Departments in contact tracing efforts using the protocols provided by the New York State Contact Tracing Program. The school will be monitoring all information and data to make the best decisions for the school community. If there is a reason to close all or part of the school for a short period of time, this will be communicated clearly using the evidence collected by the school and in consultation with the local Health departments. Nurse Ana will be contacting families before and during the term to we have the most up to date information.

If any student displays any of the follow symptoms, the School Nurse will be contacted immediately:

- fever over 100.4 degrees,
- dry cough,
- sore throat,
- shortness of breath,
- fever,
- muscle ache,
- sudden loss of smell and/or taste,
- headache,
- gastrointestinal symptoms,
- conjunctivitis,
- head cold

Students who display these will be subject to our containment procedure.

NAISNY Containment procedure

If a student is identified as having COVID-related symptoms:

- The School Nurse (dressed in full PPE) is called to the classroom
- The School Nurse will move the student to the isolation room (next to Nurse's Room)
- The School Nurse will monitor and assess
- The School Nurse will contact SLT
- The school will contact parents to collect their child
- Parents collect student and are expected to seek medical advice or a COVID test for their child and inform the school of the outcome as soon as possible.

The school will inform the families of anyone in the student's bubble about the situation, giving the option of collecting their child or completing the school day. Students will be moved to an alternative learning space while a deep clean of the classroom takes place. All students and staff in the bubble will be asked to quarantine for 14 days if a test result is positive or until they have evidence of their own negative test result. In all cases of students not being on site, they will be able to continue lessons remotely.



NAISNY Reopening FAQs

Is NAISNY planning to reopen in September?

Yes, we are working towards being open 5 days a week to all students from Tuesday 8th September.

What learning options are available to families in the fall?

We are offering in person lessons for all age groups on the school site and virtual lessons, called Classroom Connect, for those that choose to not return to the school site.

What is Classroom Connect?

Classroom connect is live lessons hosted on TEAMS using webcams, so students can be part of the learning being taught by their teacher in the classroom. There is the ability to be part of the lesson and interact with teachers and students.

Why would families choose not to return to the school site?

Families may choose to not return to the school site due to medical reasons or travel concerns. Every family has a choice and we will help them to make the right one for their own context, but we are ready for them to return when they are ready

Will we be asked if we are not going to return to campus?

A short simple questionnaire will be sent out in the newsletter to gauge current feelings on returning. You will be able to choose returning, not returning or unsure. We will be asking for a final decision closer to the beginning of term.

Can we change our mind after starting the year?

Yes, dialogue with your class teacher or Head of school is vital. It is the school's aim to help families with any decision. What we want to avoid is a lot of change for the students, as routine is really important.

Can we switch between classroom and Classroom Connect intermittently?

No, the aim of Classroom Connect is to offer a consistent alternative to onsite, face to face lessons. If you chose to have your child use Classroom Connect, then this will be for a block of 2 weeks minimum.

How do I sign up my child for online learning?

An online form will be sent to all parents during the week beginning 31st August for parents to make a choice, this will come from the class teacher.

Do I have to let the school know if we won't be coming to school in person?

Yes, parents should let the school know about their choices and keep in contact with the class teacher to ensure we have up to date information.



Can we decide the night before or the first day school?

Yes, but we do need some time to ensure that Classroom Connect is in place for each child, so some notice is better. We will always be prepared for all students to return to school, so a change of choice will always be an option.

Does the school have a feel for how many students won't attend in person?

Our questionnaire has indicated that approximately 85% of students will be returning for face to face learning.

Will my child have to wear a mask to school?

Yes, any child over the age of 2 should wear a mask to school, unless there is a medical reason, or they are unable to take the mask off themselves. If this is the case, please contact Mr. Scrymgeour to discuss the options available.

Will my child have to wear their mask all day?

No, we will give the children opportunities to remove/lower their mask when social distancing is in place and within their bubbles. The children will have to wear their masks in all shared areas and when unable to keep their distance from others.

Will my Early Years child have to wear a mask?

Yes, but students will have opportunities to remove their mask when in their classroom/bubble.

What is a bubble?

For Early Years and Lower School, a bubble is the direct cohort of children that will be in their class. Early Years will have their bubble contained to the 2nd Floor, while the Lower school bubbles will be on the 3rd Floor. This will be consistent and avoid unnecessary mixing across classes and age groups. For Upper School, the bubble will be the 4th Floor, with minimal mixing with other students and social distancing in place throughout.

What happens if my child gets sick at school?

If your child shows symptoms of COVID19 or any other illness, our school Nurse will isolate the student with the help of a known adult to the child. We have set up an isolation room (not the Nurse's room) where the child can be made comfortable and be observed. We will then be contacting the child's parents to come and take the child for further medical checks, including a COVID19 test. All students from the child's class will move into a different learning space, so the classroom can be thoroughly cleaned. Our school nurse will be keeping in contact with the family of the child to get an up a date on their condition.

What happens if there is a positive COVID test in school or my child's class?

If there is a positive COVID result from any member of the school community, their bubble will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. Based on the specifics of the case, the school will decide if there will be a need to quarantine beyond bubbles. If the school has a positive case, we will be communicating with all families to make them aware of the situation and actions taken. The school and its cleaning company



have clear protocols to follow to ensure deep cleaning and hygiene in the case of a positive COVID19 case.

Will children move around the building?

Yes, but only when needed. We will stagger bubbles move around the building so to avoid contact with other students and using social distancing. We expect the children to move to the Gym and the rooftop playground.

Will teachers move around the building?

Yes, but only when needed. Specialists will be going into classrooms to teach, rather than children moving to specialist spaces. All staff will be following protocols for hygiene and social distancing when moving around the building.

Will the children use the roof playground?

Yes, we will stagger playtimes and increase the opportunity for students to be outside (weather dependent). Students will stay in their bubbles, in marked areas and not mix with others during outside time. The play equipment will be cleaned after every use.

Can children use any bathroom?

No, students have been allocated specific bathrooms for their bubble. Regular cleaning of these will be taking place throughout the day.

Cleaning: Are bathrooms disinfected several times a day or only at night?

Bathrooms and areas deemed regular touch points will be cleaned regularly during the day.

Cleaning: Are we using external employees?

Yes, we have worked with our regular cleaning company to increase the number of hours of cleaning to include during the day. Their employees will be onsite during and after school to ensure high levels of cleaning and hygiene, as per State regulations for COVID-19

Are the rooftop and the gym cleaned after each group use or only at the end of day?

The rooftop playground and gym will be cleaned after each use. PE lessons will finish slightly earlier to ensure we can clean between lessons.

How often will used toys be cleaned?

Early Years teachers will be limiting the number of toys/learning resources that are available to the children to ensure we can clean them after use.

Should my child bring their own school supplies? If so, when we will receive the supply list?

For Early Years and Lower School, no. School will provide the students with all the resources they need. Students in Lower school will have a set of resources on their desk that will only be for their use.

In Upper school, we are asking students to bring their own resources (we do have supplies if they need) and these should not be shared with others. Ms Clare is communicating what supplies students need with Upper school families directly.



What is the school's plan for socially distancing at the lockers and hallways, especially between classes and at the end of day?

Upper school students will be able to use lockers, but their use will be staggered and students should not touch each other student's lockers. In Winter, we will be using spare spaces to store coats and excess belongings.

Can I come with my child into school?

Early Years parents can accompany their child into school for drop off. We ask that only one adult enter the building and that they drop off their child and leave the building. They will have to pass the health screen to enter the building. Lower and Upper school students will need to walk into school on their own.

How will drop off and pick up work?

In the morning we are staggering the start times to ensure we can socially distance everyone entering the building. All students and adults entering the building will have to pass health screening before gaining access to the building (daily temperature check and health questionnaire). At pick up, students in Lower and upper school will be brought to the front doors to be picked up.

What do I do if I have children of different ages at drop off?

We encourage you to drop off at the earlier time and the older students can wait in their classrooms for the beginning of the day.

Will lunch be served in the cafeteria?

No, boxed lunches will be served in classrooms by Flic. Students will eat in their classrooms and bubbles. Flic will be sending out a parent's presentation and information in due course.

If I feel more comfortable sending in my child's lunch, will the lunch fee be refunded?

We have worked hard with Flic to ensure high standards of cold, boxed lunches so we will be asking all to continue to have their lunches and so refunding will not be relevant. A feedback group will be created to work with Flic made up of students, parents and staff.

Are we no longer having the ice cream social on the roof the first day of school?

No, we have removed this event for now due to social distancing and restrictions on adults in the building. We will continue to have the Orientation Day on Tuesday 8th September to ensure children and an adult experience entering the school, meeting their teacher and seeing their classroom.

When will CCAs resume?

There will be no CCAs for the first 4 weeks of school, then there will be a review to decide if we can begin reduced CCAs on each floor with the teachers leading them. A full CCA program, with outside providers, will not resume until Term 3.

Will there be PTA meetings and events?

In term 1 all PTA events and meetings will be virtual.



Will my child still have Juilliard lessons from specialist teachers?

We are not running Juilliard specialists for the first two weeks, as we want to ensure class-based lessons start successfully. After the first 2 weeks, Juilliard specialists will begin lessons by visiting the bubbles in their classrooms or virtually.

Will there be assemblies?

Not for the first 4 weeks, we will be introducing them when safe to do so, floor by floor.

When will things return to normal?

This is a very difficult question to answer and very dependent on the COVID19 situation beyond the school. We are working on Term 1 having strict measures in place, but with regular reviews to look for opportunities to bring back elements when it is safe to do so. We will also be following the guidelines set by the Governor for Independent schools.

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