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Message for Option 1 Families:

We are excited to welcome back our Option 1 students to the building on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Please remember that face to face instruction will take place Tuesdays - Fridays only. Mondays will remain asynchronous learning days with select small group instruction as determined by the teacher.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about updated safety mitigations and communicate important reminders as we welcome our Option 1 students back in a face to face setting. Complete information on [COVID measures and policies](https://www.vbschools.com) is available at [VBSchools.com](https://www.vbschools.com).

Student Return Checklist - Option 1 Student

The building will be open on February 1st from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for supply dropoff. If you are concerned about your student carrying lots of items back to school on Tuesday, please take advantage of this supply drop off on Monday. We kindly ask that you drop off supplies in paper or plastic bags and the bag has your child's and the teacher's name clearly written on the outside.

The following is a list of items students should return to the school:

--either at the Feb 1 dropoff or when they return on Feb 2--

- Chromebook and charger
- Water Bottle (write name on the bottle)
- Math Workbooks
- Any manipulatives or student supplies you received
- Any additional materials communicated by the teacher

Additionally, all students must wear an appropriately fitted face mask. We strongly recommend that you pack an extra face mask to be left in your child's bookbag.

Food Services

A reminder that since the USDA announced that they extended our ability to provide meal service at no charge for all children (under the age of 18 years) at all VBCPS schools. In addition, if requested your child can receive a Friday bag containing meals for Saturday and Sunday. This can make your child's backpack heavy and therefore, it would be helpful to arrange a pick up on Fridays between 10:30 - 1:30. If a different



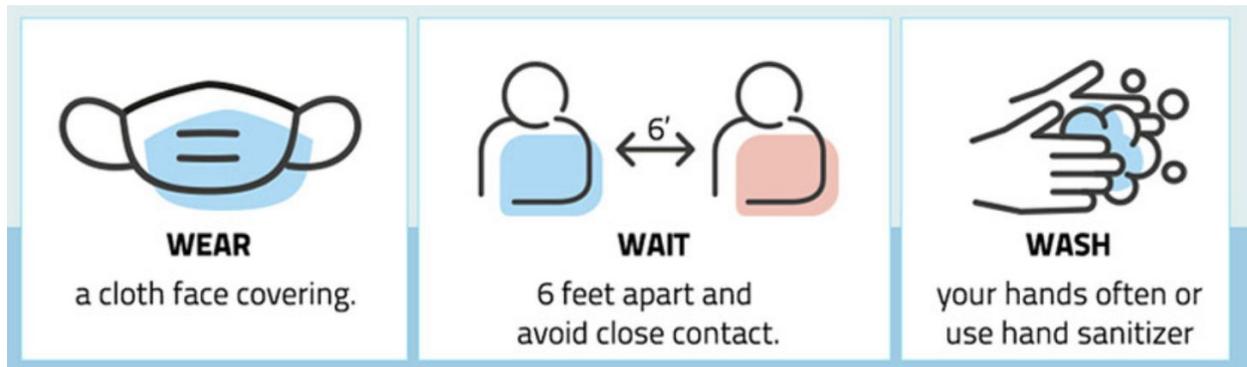
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pickup time is needed, please contact the cafeteria manager to make other arrangements. For more information and menus visit [VBSchools Food Services webpage](#).

Safety Mitigation Measures

At Landstown Elementary we encourage everyone to think about "All Dolphins" and to be a safe family. In order to keep all our Dolphins safe we need everyone's support for following safety protocols.

The 3 W's



COVID-19 Self-Screening Tool

- The Daily Self Screening checklist has been updated (see below). Please review and note the updated symptoms. Students/Parents are expected to complete a daily Self-Screening Checklist (see below) before entering the school. If students answer "yes" to any of the checklist questions, they are to stay home until symptom free. Consistent use of the screening tool can have a positive impact on our ability to maintain a safe learning environment for all students and staff.
- Students and staff who exhibit COVID symptoms will be asked to quarantine at home to prevent spread.
- In the interest of public health and keeping our classrooms safe, your child will be required to be picked up if any of these symptoms are present at school.
- Students are expected to maintain social distancing protocols throughout the school. Teachers will be helping students maintain appropriate spacing. Students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly to prevent any exposure/spread.



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- Contact our school nurse with health related questions - Nurse Moye - 757-648-2880.

COVID-19 SELF-SCREENING QUESTIONS

Please ask yourself the following questions **BEFORE** entering a VBCPS school or building:



1

Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another health condition?

- Fever, temperature of 100.4° F or higher (in the past 24 hours)
- A new cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills and/or body shaking
- A new sore throat
- A change in senses of smell and/or taste
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you ***should not*** enter the building.

2

Have you taken medication to lower your temperature in the past 24 hours?

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If you answered **YES** before reporting to work, please stay home and contact your supervisor.

3

Have you been in close contact with anyone in the last 14 days who has been sick with COVID-19?



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Student Face Coverings

For the 2020-2021 school year or until further notice, all students are required to wear a cloth face covering at bus stops, on school buses, and in school buildings unless they provide documentation from a healthcare provider that they are unable to wear a face covering due to a health condition. With the same parameters a face shield is an acceptable substitute, if a physician documents that a cloth face covering cannot be used.

Staff is required to direct students to place the face covering over the mouth and nose. When a student is not wearing a face covering nor wearing it properly, the teacher shall tell the student to wear the face covering and/or to do so properly. Should a student refuse to wear a face covering after being told to do so by staff, then the student will be cited for violating the Code of Student Conduct.

Masking – Fit Matters

Poor fitting mask

- Gaps on the sides
- Nose not covered
- Loose around the edges
- All of the above are poor fitting in their own right

Better fitting mask

- No gaps on the sides
- Nose covered
- A fairly good fit around the edges

Well fitting mask

- No gaps
- Nose covered
- Tight around the edges
- Should leave a mask outline once removed





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Visitors and Volunteers

At this time, the school division is continuing with the policy of parent visitors by appointment only to the office. Besides that, parent volunteers and parent visitors are not permitted at any time during the day throughout the school building. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to join their students for lunch. If this changes, we will communicate that with you.

Along with that, parents are also not allowed to bring in outside food for lunch for their child. Your child may bring lunch from home in their lunch box. Lunch from outside restaurants or bought from a store will not be able to be dropped off at this time. If your child forgets their lunch, they will be provided a free bagged lunch.

Birthday and Holiday Celebrations

At this time, we are not accepting outside treats or goodies for birthday or holiday celebrations (this includes upcoming Valentines Day). While we know that this is extremely disappointing, it is important that we keep the safety of all of our students and staff as the utmost priority.

Student Arrival/Dismissal Policy and Procedures:

In order to maintain a safe environment at Landstown Elementary, students are expected to adhere to a consistent daily dismissal procedure. Any change in your child's usual dismissal procedure, such as how the student is transported, with whom the student leaves or the time the student is released requires notification to the school. Please take a moment to read over this important information regarding dismissal: [LES Dismissal Procedures](#)

Transportation: If you have not done so already, please confirm with your child's teacher any transportation or aftercare changes.

Parent Pick Up: Parents must enter the building and show ID for student pick up. We kindly ask that all visitors bring ID and wear a mask. Upon entering the building for pickup, please report directly to the cafeteria for an ID check. Parents may start to enter the building at 2:35 for student pick up.



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Parent Drop Off: The morning drop off procedure is below. Parents can drop off at 8:00. Please do not drop off students prior to that time. Preschool parents can park and walk students into the building, all other grade levels must remain in the car and follow the traffic pattern. Please have your child ready to go as you pull to the curb, and have students exit to the sidewalk and building.



Bus Stop Information: The division's office of transportation has placed your child's bus information inside ParentVue. This information includes specifics regarding bus stop location, bus times and bus number.

Please remember:

- The information within ParentVue is specific to your child.
- The assignment of students to a specific bus stop is required for the 2020-2021 school year. This ensures buses are routed with the appropriate number of



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students on board, and to maintain the safest environment possible for all students and drivers.

- Students may enter and exit the school bus ONLY at their designated stop.
- Students should be at the stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival time.
- Students should walk to the bus using sidewalks (when available) and maintain social distancing guidelines when walking with other students or when standing at the bus stop.
- Ensure your student is wearing a face covering. They are mandatory at bus stops and when riding the school bus.

If you think your child's bus stop is incorrect, please contact the VBCPS transportation office at 757-263-1545. If you do not see any bus stop information in ParentVue please contact the main office to request transportation.

PE and Recess Update

Your students will still attend PE two days a week. They will also have recess daily. We know that our students benefit from plenty of fresh air. Because of this, we will try to take the students outside for PE and recess when possible. If the weather permits (40 degrees or higher), the students will go outside. Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, and gloves (consider labelling belongings).

Tips and Trick from Nurse Moye to Keep your Child Healthy and Safe:

1. Practice handwashing. We should wash our hands frequently, especially before and after toileting and eating for at least 20 seconds.
2. Practice social distancing. Have your child come up with ways they can greet their friends while remaining at a proper distance. Elbow taps, air hugs, foot taps, air high fives, the Dolphin Wave, etc. are fun ways to say, "Hi friend! I've missed you!"
3. Practice wearing a mask. Students will be required to wear their mask while in school, starting at the bus stop. Consider having your child practice wearing his/her mask in the house for several hours.
4. Purchase extra masks for your child. It is best to use a fresh, clean mask each day. Consider having a spare mask in the backpack in case your child needs to change it while at school. I encourage you to find a way to put your child's name on their masks.



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Any masks that are found on the school premises will be discarded if they don't have a name on them.

5. Purchase a thermometer for home. Consider having a centralized place to keep a supply of masks and a thermometer at home. Remember the VB Schools self screening tool which requires a temperature check before leaving the house. If you answer yes to any of the questions on the screening tool, your child must not come to school. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is ill.

6. Purchase a refillable water bottle, labeled with your child's name. Students will be able to refill water bottles throughout the day. We encourage them to stay hydrated for their health. It would be best if they drink from their own water bottle.

7. Have a plan in the event that the school nurse calls to ask you to pick your child up. It is imperative that we are able to contact you if your child begins to exhibit symptoms of illness. Please ensure that we have your correct contact information.

The current list of COVID-19 symptoms that require a student to go home are: Fever, Sore Throat, Headache, Cough, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Abdominal Pain, and Loss of Taste or Smell.

If a student has any of these symptoms, they will wait in a separate room and a parent will be called to pick the student up. The parent must pick the student up as soon as possible to avoid exposure to others. Instructions will be given to the parent based on current health department guidelines. Though many times these symptoms can be attributed illnesses other than COVID-19, in the interest of public health, we can't afford to make assumptions.

Per the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Algorithm for Evaluating a child with COVID-19 Symptoms for return to school, children must remain home from school for 10 calendar days should they have COVID-19 symptoms that cannot be attributed to a health condition and are new and unusual for the child. The child can return if he/she meets one the following:

- completes the 10 days at home and illness symptoms have resolved, or
- for return prior to the 10 calendar days, the parent/guardian provides a return to school note from a healthcare provider, who has evaluated the student and determined the illness symptoms were not attributed to COVID-19 illness.



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We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nurse Moye @ sheila.moye@vbschools.com.