

July 31, 2020

Dear River Vale Parents/Guardians:

This summer has been an extremely challenging time as we prepare to reopen schools safely in September 2020. The District convened a Restart Committee several weeks ago to assist in the development of a Restart Plan that meets the needs of our community. The 40-member Restart Committee consisted of parents representing every grade level at all 3 schools, teachers, administrators, board trustees and community members. Our plan ensures we are following NJ Department of Education guidelines, CDC guidance and county health protocols. The plan also reflects our collaboration with regional Pascack Valley districts, although each district's plan is distinct to its community.

River Vale families will be provided two choices.

The first choice is an in-person hybrid model in which students will be assigned to one of two cohorts—A or B. Students in cohort A will attend school on Monday and Tuesday, and work remotely on Thursday and Friday; and students in cohort B will attend school on Thursday and Friday, and work remotely on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesdays, cohorts will attend on alternate weeks. For example, cohort A will attend school on week one and work remotely on week two, while cohort B will attend school on week two and work remotely on week one.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Day	A Day	A/B Flip Day	B Day	B Day

All schools will operate on a modified instructional schedule. Students will be provided in-person instruction in the core content areas. Students will go home for lunch and be provided additional instructional opportunities via remote learning. Livestreaming will be available as appropriate. Sample schedules can be found in the Restart Plan on pages 67-69.

Students and staff will be required to have a temperature screening each morning upon arrival, wear masks while on campus, maintain social distancing and adhere to other safety protocols outlined in the plan.

Transportation will be provided to students who are eligible. Students will be required to wear masks while on the bus and follow other associated health and safety protocols, which will be communicated in a separate mailing later this summer to families of transportation-eligible students.

As we are operating on a modified schedule, lunch will not be served.

For students who are attending in-person instruction, before and after care will be available on a limited basis on days when students are receiving in-person instruction. More information will follow in the days ahead with regard to this program.

Please note that our pre-school and LLD programs at Woodside Elementary School will resume on a modified schedule, 5 days per week.

The second choice for River Vale families is a full-remote learning program 5 days per week. This choice will provide students with both synchronous and asynchronous instruction as well as additional supports, both academic and social/emotional, to ensure success. Livestreaming will be available as appropriate. Remote learning students will follow the River Vale curriculum and are required to meet the prescribed curriculum standards. Sample schedules can be found in the Restart Plan on pages 70-72.

**Parents/guardians will receive a Restart Plan survey next week requesting families inform us of their choice for instruction.**

You can access the complete [Restart Plan](#) for more detailed information. Over the course of the next several weeks, we will continue to send updates related to the NJDOE-identified critical areas of operation, as well as additional requirements and/or changes to the current plan.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this time. Please reach out to your building principal and/or me with any questions. Stay healthy!

Sincerely,  
Frank Alvarez, Ed.D.  
Interim Superintendent of Schools