



# FORESTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL RE-OPENING PROCEDURES 2020

## HORNET FAMILIES

We have been hard at work finalizing our plan and we are very excited to welcome students and staff back to school! We have worked closely to assure compliance with all State Education and Health Department guidelines to create a plan to best maintain the health and safety of our students and staff at Forestville, which is always our top priority.

**Our mission remains the same - To maintain a safe & healthy environment, provide the highest quality of learning experience possible, and stay connected.**

We are confident our plan meets our mission and provides the safest possible environment for our students and staff.

We are committed to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Please note that this plan is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New York Department of Health (NYSDoH), and New York Department of Education (NYSED) and is subject to change.

## PLEASE HELP

Please visit the Forestville Central School Website to complete the **Parent Survey**.

[www.Forestville.com](http://www.Forestville.com)

Please answer the questions for **your child/children** by **August 21**.

Email any questions to: [info@forestville.com](mailto:info@forestville.com)

## PLANNING DETAILS

Forestville Central School will conduct a hybrid model of learning in September of 2020 that includes both in-person and remote instruction. This model will ensure that every FCS student can equitably attend in-person classes with a modified schedule, or learn remotely. Students in grades PreK, 4-12 will be placed in two similarly sized groups by household. Group A will attend school in-person on Monday and Thursday. Group B will attend school in-person on Tuesday and Friday. On days when students are not in school, students will participate in remote learning. Students in grades Kindergarten- 3 will attend school 4 days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). Wednesday will be a remote learning day.

### Group A

Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



### Group B

Monday



Tuesday



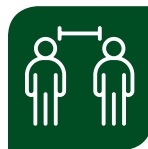
Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



## SOCIAL DISTANCING

We will practice social distancing at all times. All students and staff will be required to maintain a socially safe distance while on school grounds. Within the classrooms, social distancing guidelines will be followed as well as while students are eating breakfast/lunch.



## MASKS

All persons (students, faculty, and staff) in the building will be required to wear masks at all times while on school property and in all school buildings. The only time masks will be removed will be during lunch and scheduled mask breaks.

All students and staff will be provided with two washable face coverings per person. Face coverings will be required at all times in common areas, while on school property, in school buildings, during school sponsored events, and on school buses.

Wearing masks is especially important since some carriers of COVID-19 may not have any symptoms. Children, despite being generally less affected by COVID-19, can still expose school staff and adults at home who may be more at risk.



## SCREENING

All persons must receive a daily health screening before being allowed access to the building or a school vehicle. Screenings will include temperature checks for all students and staff. Additionally, a daily questionnaire will be completed by all faculty and staff that checks on current health, and if the person has had a possible exposure to Covid 19. This questionnaire will be used periodically with a random sample of students.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided, with precautions. Masks will be required by students. Students that do not have a face mask will be provided one by the bus driver or monitor on the bus. Any student refusing to wear a mask for a non-health related reason, will be denied entrance to the bus. The driver will contact the school to inform them of this situation.

In addition to wearing masks, bus drivers will be assigning seats for every student on every school bus. All siblings and household members will be required to sit together.

Students will have their temperature checked by the bus driver before being allowed to board. Students will not be able to board the bus if a fever is detected.

Bus notes will be not be issued this school year. Students will be prohibited from riding a friend's bus home or to a family member's house. Students may only ride their assigned bus.

Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after AM and PM routes. As always, bus routes will be set and released a few days before the start of school.



## VISITORS

Unfortunately, FCS must restrict all school visitors to our buildings to promote health and safety. No visitors will be allowed entrance into the building. We will be scheduling virtual meetings for all necessary meetings with staff and teachers.



## CAFETERIA and WATER FOUNTAINS

Students may have assigned seats in the cafeteria and will be spaced as far apart as possible. Masks will be required while picking up food in the cafeteria line. All students will be asked to wash hands prior to entering the cafeteria. Please be sure to fill out the Free & Reduced lunch form. All water fountains will be turned off and we will be using water bottle filling stations to provide students with access to water. All students will be allowed to and are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school each day.



## SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC CHANGES

Face masks will be required for everyone who enters the health clinic. Students will be evaluated for symptoms of illness. If symptoms are present the student will be removed to a predetermined isolation area until picked up from school. Please identify someone to have as a backup for picking students up from school in case you are not available.

Daily medication or treatments that have been performed in the nurses' office, will be continued for this school year.

Building access is limited so drop off and pick up medication procedures will change and this will be communicated prior to the start of school.

If your child has a medical condition that puts him/her at high risk for severe illness related to COVID-19, please contact your physician for recommendations for school. Share this information with the school nurse to plan appropriately for your child's needs.



## CLEANING and DISINFECTING

Necessary hand washing supplies such as soap and paper towels and hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and common areas. In addition to the routine cleaning, we will be cleaning and disinfecting the schools throughout the day, including frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, tables and bathrooms, with EPA approved disinfectant for COVID-19. Disinfectants will be available to staff to use in classrooms as needed during the school day.

## REMOTE LEARNING OPTION



We realize that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused some parents to be uncomfortable sending their children back to school. We also understand that some students may be medically vulnerable or live with someone who is medically vulnerable, and parents may be uncomfortable sending children back to school for those reasons. For those individuals, a remote learning option will be available.

Remote learning will be designed by classroom teacher(s). Families will be asked to commit to this remote learning experience for an established period of time (the first 10 weeks of school). To manage staffing and scheduling, students must commit to in-person hybrid or remote learning and will not be permitted to move back and forth during this commitment (10 weeks). Teachers will provide paper/electronic packets for students to complete. Students in remote learning will be given an opportunity to meet

with their teacher(s) during scheduled Wednesday office times.

Students who do not attend school in person will be expected to participate in remote learning. This will vary by class, but students should expect to receive some instruction via electronic methods (pre-recorded lessons, Google Classroom links, PowerPoint/Google slides, etc). Students will not be provided with virtual/live instruction (one-on-one or small group). In addition, practice exercises and other assignments and activities will be utilized.

The time needed to complete coursework will vary for each class, but will be comparable to requirements for those participating in the hybrid learning model. At this time, the District is still determining if packets will be delivered or if it will be the responsibility of the parent(s) to pick up and return completed work.