



## School Plan 2020-2021

The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually changing, and our school plan for 2020-2021 will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the trends of the COVID-19 virus. Please know that First Baptist Christian School will follow recommendations from the Texas Education Agency, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Department of Health and Human Services. As things develop throughout the year, this plan may need to be modified or changed.

### Welcoming Students:

- All of our classes will welcome students for their first day of school on August 24, 2020. On August 24, 2020 all classes will be face-to-face.
- We will have 3 drop off locations for students of differing ages with hand sanitizer at all drop off locations. All staff will wear a mask, or facial covering, at drop off and pick up.

### Health and Safety Precautions

- Staff will be highly recommended to wear masks in hallways and common areas and upon students arrivals and dismissals.
- Students under the age of 10 are not required to wear masks or facial coverings. If you would prefer that your child wear a face mask, then we will honor your preference.
- Social distancing will occur as much as possible when in common areas.
- Water fountains will not be allowed. All of our students will need to bring a water bottle that can be filled each day and then return home each day for cleaning.
- Wash, wash, wash! We will provide instruction on effective handwashing and we will wash our hands before snack, lunch, after recess and after restroom breaks.
- All staff will be trained in the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students will be screened daily upon entering the school. Staff will also be screened before reporting to their classrooms.

- Visitors are going to be heavily discouraged and if allowed in the building, they will be screened and will wash their hands and wear a mask.
- Parents are also discouraged from visiting the school. We provide a loving and caring atmosphere, but the health and safety of each child is our priority.

### The Learning Environment

- We follow a strict cleaning schedule, regardless of COVID-19, but to ensure that we are cleaning to the best of our ability, we will clean each classroom in between classes and at the end of each day.
- Students will use all of the space in the classroom as possible and spread out, as applicable.
- All students will have their own supplies in their pencil box/pouch.
- We will also limit the mixing of different age groups.

### Lunch Time

- Students will be spread out as much as possible.
- Lunch workers will wear a mask and if they are needing to prepare anyone's lunch, they will wear gloves.
- Students will be asked to sit while they eat and not get up from their table.(Like sitting in a restaurant, they will be served.)
- After each lunch, all tables, surfaces and chairs will be cleaned to get ready for the next group.

### School Procedures on Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

- If a staff member or a student is showing symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be removed from their class and taken to an alternate location. Their classroom will be disinfected immediately and again cleaned at the end of the day. It is important that the school have correct contact information for every child.
- If your child shows symptoms or is a lab confirmed case of COVID-19, they must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to school until they have been screened to determine any of the below conditions, per TEA SY 20-21 and Minimum Standard Health Protocols.

1. Any individuals who **themselves** either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:
    - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:
      - i. at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
      - ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
      - iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
    - In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
    - If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location found at <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>.
- Parents will be notified if a student, group or class has been exposed, as will local health authorities.
  - If a staff member or student comes in contact with a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19, they will be asked to self-quarantine and should contact the school for meeting the Return to School Criteria. (as seen above)

### Instructional Delivery Models

- In-Person Learning (Traditional Classroom Learning)
- At-Home Learning will be as needed or requested.

### Communication

- We try our best to make sure all parties are provided with many tools of communication. We ask that you give us correct phone numbers, email addresses, and the best person to contact. We also ask that you join our Facebook Pages, Remind and follow our website.

As always we want to do what is best for all of our students. Circumstances related to COVID-19 may change throughout the coming school year. We will keep all parents informed if conditions change.