

GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know the State of NJ is planning to have schools open in September. On page forty-six of the guidelines is a summary of Knowns and Unknowns:

<http://njpsa.org/documents/pdf/DOEReopeningPlanFinal.pdf>

I realize many parents want answers, but information changes daily. At the present time this is what I know for Lincoln School in September:

- School will be four hours per day
- School will follow social distancing rules
- Arrival and dismissal will be slightly staggered by grade
- Each grade will have its own entrance/exit door
- Student in grades K-5 will remain in the same classroom
- Students in grades 6-8 will have minimal classroom movement
- All staff and students will have their temperature taken upon arrival and will have to go home if they have a temperature
- Students will have additional hand washing breaks
- Water fountains will be covered and not be used
- Grab and Go lunch will be available for daily purchase. Students will take their box lunch when they leave school for the day
- All staff will be wearing masks during the day
- Students will have masks (additional information regarding wearing masks will be sent at a later date by grade level)
- The Lincoln School ventilation system bring in fresh air
- A cleaning schedule will be put in place that follows the NJDOE guidelines
- Parents may opt to have their children remain on virtual instruction

At the last ReStart committee meeting, parents asked how virtual instruction would take place and this is still an unknown. We are discussing a few options which include live virtual streaming during the instructional portion of the lesson, the continued use of Google classroom and group Google meets with the classroom teacher. Although there continues to be many unknowns, each week there will be additional information provided until the final plan is in place. As always, the safety and security of the staff and students remains my primary concern. Thank you!

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