

## Parent Concerns / Questions 135 -148 Sept 2 2020



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- 2. What is the protocol for when a child is sick during the school year? Will the children have to be tested before coming back? If they have to be quarantined how will learning happen with no Hybrid learning plan?** *We have been promised another set of guidance from UVM, VCHIP and the VT Department of Health and I will share it as soon as I have it.*
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- 5. By what date do we need to decide whether or not we are keeping our child home? And who do we inform?** *In person school officially begins on September 8th.. The CVSU Academy will have more of a rolling start as we are still facing challenges on how to staff it because of the unanticipated amount of interest. More details will be coming out later today.*
- 6. If you decide not to send your child for in-person learning can they still participate in sports? Yes they can.**
- 7. Has there been any plan put in place for online learning activities for preK?** *No there has not.*
- 8. Will parents get to walk through the school to see how classrooms will be set up, what a typical day will look like for our kids, and what drop off/pickup will look like, etc. I want to see for myself what the school day will look like.** *Unfortunately only students and staff are permitted to be in the buildings, but please contact your school directly as they have been working on these questions and will be able to answer them. There are also Information Meetings scheduled for tonight, September 2, for Echo Valley Community SD (both schools) beginning at 5:30PM at Carpenter Park in Washington and for the Williamtown Schools (for both schools) tomorrow, September 3 beginning at 5PM in the WES parking lot.*
- 9. I want to make sure my daughter is registered to attend school starting September 8. Please give your school a call.**
- 10. What time is the bus pick up and where?** *Bus routes are just being finalized and will be shared as soon as we have them.*
- 11. Can my daughter do online learning on Wednesdays?** *There is not an online option for Wednesday morning for students in grades Kindergarten through grade 5. Missing every Wednesday morning would be the same as missing a half day of instruction every week.*

12. **Is early drop off going to be available this year? Currently drop off is scheduled for 745. I need to be at work at 745 so this is an issue for me.** *Please contact your school directly.*
13. **What are parents supposed to do when they need to be at work before or by 7:45am when that's as early as we can drop our kids off and bussing isn't offered for us either? My kids want to go to school but these options are going to force virtual learning and my kids will miss out on an actual education that they deserve. The last thing I read was that not all kids can arrive at the same time, but you are only allowing 15 minutes before the start of the day? I don't have the luxury to go in late and work late. I have to be in to open my store. This does not work for many parents I know. Managing school opening safely is a challenge and has required some changes in our schedules.** *Please contact your school directly.*
14. **Why haven't I seen my child's schedule yet? Are 6th graders going to know what classroom to go to before school starts so they're not standing in a cluster with others wondering where to go? When am I going to know who my child's teachers are?** *Please contact your school directly.*
15. **Are 6th graders getting lockers on the first day? Do they need money for that?** *Please contact your school directly.*
16. **Will CVSU Online aAcademy students be able to get their school pictures taken?** *I have not thought about that but I see no reason why we can't make that happen.*
17. **A new thing just came out at the CDC website. "Wear masks with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19" also "Caution: gaiters, face shields: evaluation is ongoing but effectiveness is unknown at this time".**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> **this is dated 8/27/20. Are you still planning on using gaiters as face masks? do they have 2 layers at least? they don't seem safe. Are you going to order real face masks asap? Face shields are not permitted except under very specific circumstances and for short periods of time. As for the gaiters, they have not arrived but we believe they will pass the light test (hold up to light and not be able to see light through the fabric). If not, we will reassess but students and staff are free to use their own masks.**
18. **When will the face masks be distributed? Children need them BEFORE school starts so they have them for the first day of school.** *Please contact your school directly.*
19. **Can students bring their own lunch/food with them to school?** *Yes. Students will follow the same protocols they have at their schools in the past.*
20. **Will students be able to use the water fountains to refill water bottles throughout the day?** *Yes. Water fountains will ONLY be available for water bottle refilling.*
21. **How do we switch to online school?** *If you are interested in online school, please go to [cvsu.org](https://cvsu.org) and register online.*