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2021-2022 Start Up Plan for Grades PreK-8

Dear Prince of Peace Families,

School is one week away, and we are eagerly awaiting the return of all our students. As with last year, Prince of Peace will be putting in place procedures and protocols to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Also, just like last year our goal is to continue with in-person learning for the entirety of the school year while also looking out for the health and well-being of our entire Prince of Peace family. We have received guidance from state and local health officials on how we will proceed regarding those procedures and protocols: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/education/>

Under these dynamic conditions, no plan is truly final, so please know that school administration continues to monitor the situation and is in consultation with the Salt Lake County Public Health Department, the CDC, and local school districts. As new information, data, and guidance becomes available, our plan may change. Parents will be notified of changes that need to be made through our school communication tool and/or direct email notifications. Prince of Peace will be ready to comply with Salt Lake County Health Department directives in a spirit of Christian love and cooperation as we all come together to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Summary of Safety Protocols

Face Masks - Per health department and CDC recommendations, face masks for students are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory at Prince of Peace. Masks will be provided for students who want to wear one but did not bring one from home. Faculty will be required to wear face coverings when they are interacting with students in a small group or 1-on-1 setting.

Please know Prince of Peace will support and respect each families decision regarding face masks

Feel sick, stay home - To ensure mitigating the spread of COVID-19, school parents must ensure their student is healthy enough to be in school that day. Our best line of defense is to not have COVID-19 enter our school building. Students who have COVID-like symptoms should stay home from school. Having symptomatic individuals stay home will significantly reduce our need to quarantine students. Likewise, if an individual begins showing symptoms while at school, they will be isolated and sent home. This decision will be at the school's discretion. Additionally, anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted at school during their isolation period.

Quarantine - All close-contact and quarantine decisions will be made by the Salt Lake County Health Department. A student will be quarantined for the recommended ten days if they:

- were in "close contact" to another person who has tested positive for COVID-19, and
- have not had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 90 days, and are not immunized.

After a close-contact exposure, at the seven-day mark, students can choose to be tested. If the test returns as negative, and they are showing no symptoms, they may return to school.

Sanitization and hygiene - Prince of Peace will continue to implement best practices with cleaning, physical distancing, and other actions designed to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Classroom and School Set Up

- Each classroom will be set up to allow proper social distancing between students and teachers.
- Students should plan to make use of personal materials and supplies.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, all classrooms will be taught as self-contained classrooms.
- Students and teachers will be able to use common areas such as the gym and recess areas. Proper social distancing and sanitizing of areas will be enforced.
- For parents and visitors, please know that entrance into the school building will be limited to essential needs only during the school day. This reduces hallway traffic and helps keep potential virus transmission low. Masks will also be strongly encouraged during this time.

We also ask that all of our parents take extra consideration prior to family outings and extra activities over the weekends or on breaks. This partnership with all of our families will allow the extra precautions we take at Prince of Peace to have a positive effect allowing us to continue to serve our families with a high-quality, Christian education.

Again, we are excited to welcome our students back to Prince of Peace in a safe and strategic way this fall. As new information, data, and guidance becomes available, we will ensure parents are notified as soon as we are able to get information to you.

May our Lord who promises that "he is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17) continue to bless each of you, your families, and our school as we work together to reopen Prince of Peace for the 2021-2022 school year!