



ST. EUPHRASIA SCHOOL

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Dear St. Euphrasia Community,

It's been a while since I've had a reason to update you with regard to our school reopening. At this point, we do have three students with 1:1 aides working on campus. These students are currently working in separate classrooms, joining their respective classes on Zoom throughout the day. They (and we along with them) are practicing the LA County Department of Public Health guidelines as related to the school setting. When DPH came out to inspect our school environment, everything went smoothly and the representative left us with only a couple minor recommendations which we were easily able to implement. One request was for additional signage which we have done. Another was to post the reopening protocols at our entry point. Also easily accomplished.

We are now in the process of submitting an application for the TK-2 waiver. We see this as the next step in scaling up our adherence to the COVID guidelines. Our staff, especially our TK-2 teachers, strongly support this effort. While we are waiting for approval from LA County DPH, we are working on finishing the setup of the classrooms that will be used. We will need to place the students in cohorts of 12 so we will use all four classrooms on the lower level of the school building for 1st and 2nd grades. Even with the required social distancing of desks, TK and Kindergarten will be able to fit their classes in their current rooms. Speaking of desks, we have ordered new desks for classes that relied on tables for seating and grouping of students. This way, each student will have their own space in which to work. (This is true for all grades.) Once we get the classrooms set up, we will gladly share pictures so that you and your children will know what to expect.

When the time comes for TK-2 to return to school, we will provide parents with a drop-off/pick-up schedule. Each class will have a designated zone with spaces marked. It is likely that we will begin with half days so that the students will have lunch at home and snack tables will have clearly marked spaces for the students. The focus of in-person instruction will be the foundational skills that are the core of instruction in these grades.

This is just a broad overview of what to expect. If you want more detailed information, please see our school website steuphrasiaschool.org and click on the "School Reopening" tab. There you will find our reopening plan with regard to safety protocols.

Please note that we are well aware that there are some families who don't feel ready to send their children to school physically and there are families whose schedules and other obligations will make it difficult for them to send their children to campus. We will continue to offer online access to these families.

Finally, everything is subject to change according to LA County's strict guidance. Even though we have submitted the application for the waiver, there is no guarantee when we will receive clearance to reopen. I have no timeline to share with you. As soon as I have more information, I will pass it along.

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