



**Wrights Mill Road Elementary**

**Reopening Information FAQ**

**2020-2021**

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Dear Wrights Mill Road Parents and Families,

We hope you and your family are enjoying a very relaxing and safe summer. Our faculty and staff cannot thank you enough for your cooperation and understanding through this entire COVID-19 Pandemic. We could not have done the job without you. Your child/children have been GREATLY missed walking the halls of WMR!

In the days ahead, we know that you are being faced with making an important decision regarding your child's education for the 2020-2021 school year. Hopefully, the information below will allow you to feel more informed when making your decision as it relates to "Traditional" or "Remote Learning" for your child/children. Many talking points were provided earlier to you from Central Office, but we have included more detailed information unique to Wrights Mill Road.

Please keep in mind, WMR will follow the advice and guidance of the Alabama State Department and the Board of Auburn City Schools, regarding COVID-19. As you know these are very uncertain times and the health and safety guidelines/protocols may also be subject to change.

At Wrights Mill Road we are diligently working as a united family to ensure that each student succeeds academically, socially, and emotionally while staying safe and healthy. It will be the BEST 2020-2021 school year of "[Emo'jin' the Possibilities of Keeping Calm and Smiling On.](#)" Thank you again for your patience and flexibility during this school year. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here for you!

#### **How will WMR promote Safety & Wellness Training at WMR?**

All faculty and staff will be required to complete the annual "Standard Precaution Training" in Safeschools (online professional development platform) for ACS.

Staff will be role models and encourage handwashing and basic respiratory hygiene, such as covering the mouth when coughing. Staff will be role models and encourage handwashing and basic respiratory hygiene, such as covering the mouth when coughing.

Our school nurse will be a resource person for student educational activities, such as age-appropriate educational videos on hand washing, covering one's mouth when coughing or sneezing, and how to wear a mask if needed.

Posters will also be made available for classrooms and school hallways.

#### **How can parents help us with a Morning Health Check from before coming to school?**

Parents will be encouraged to take students' temperatures and assess students before sending to school.

Students who have a temperature of 100.4 or higher and/ or are exhibiting symptoms should stay home. Parents are advised to speak with their primary care physician before returning to school.

### How teachers can help with a Health Check in the classroom?

If a student appears ill upon entry to the classroom, teachers will ask students the following questions:

- Do you feel sick?
- Have you had a fever since yesterday/over the weekend?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you feel sick to your stomach?
- Do you have body aches?
- Have you lost your sense of taste or smell?

Should the student answer “yes” to any of these questions, or should the teacher feel that the student appears ill, the teacher will notify the school nurse. The school nurse will then manage the process of a health check and contact families as needed.

### What will the protocol be when a student begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while at school?

Auburn City Schools will follow the guidance of local, state, and national health professionals and adopt a symptom-based strategy that recommends a 10-14 day quarantine period for persons both exposed to COVID-19 through close contact or for persons with a positive test. The recommendations below are based on current information and are subject to change as new information is gathered.

#### **COVID-19 Positive Diagnosis**

A student or staff member with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis will be subject to a 10-14 day quarantine and will follow the guidance of their healthcare provider and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

#### **COVID-19 Positive Exposure**

If a student or faculty member is diagnosed positive for COVID-19, the parents or guardians of any student with risk of infection due to close contact will be notified. Parents and guardians will be advised to contact the student’s healthcare provider to be assessed and given further directives.

A student or staff member with positive exposure will need to complete a 10-14 day quarantine measured from the date of last exposure.

#### **Return to School**

For both a positive diagnosis and a positive exposure, the parent/guardian must provide to WMR in writing one of the following statements about the student from their healthcare provider:

The student has a negative COVID-19 test and is symptom free at the completion of the 10-14-day quarantine, OR

The student has been symptom free during the 10-14-day quarantine.

### How will WMR remain sanitized and safe for students?

Hand washing will be of utmost importance to us at WMR. ACS and Wrights Mill Road have purchased EPA-approved disinfectants for use to combat the COVID-19 virus in a school setting. High-touch surfaces such as door handles, sinks, faucet handles, light switches, and any shared equipment will be disinfected daily.

WMR will provide hand sanitizing stations located throughout the building for adults and students. All classrooms will be provided with hand sanitizer and soap for individual student use prior to any snacks, meals, and other necessary times.

**\*If a positive case has been identified in school, Auburn City Schools will follow CDC recommendations for cleaning and sanitizing.**

### What will traditional classroom procedures and instruction look like at WMR?

Quality instruction will continue to be provided for all students at WMR. Within each classroom, teachers will administer whole group, small group, and individual instructional opportunities to meet the needs of students. Small groups of students will be strategically pulled to minimize student crossover. Areas where students are receiving instruction in groups (not at their individual desk) will be sanitized following each group and students will use hand washing or hand sanitizing prior to and following the group interaction.

### What will Special Education, 504, EL, Intervention, Speech, IEP or Enrichment services look like?

Students receiving these services will be pulled by their specific instructors. Safety measures will be implemented to minimize crossover with other students and adults. Routines related to clean hands, sanitized surfaces and distancing measures will continue with special services.

### What will my classroom look like?

Students will utilize their own classroom supplies as much as possible without sharing. Backpacks, lunch boxes, and water bottles will remain in an individual location for each student instead of grouping these items together in one common location. Students will have access to books from classroom libraries. When those books are returned, the classroom teacher will place it in temporary book isolation and the book will be sanitized with a UV sterilizer before the next student use. All student food consumption will be at the individual student desk.

Teachers and custodians will continue to provide a sanitized and disinfected environment daily for students. Each teacher will be given an EPA- approved cleaner to clean classroom surfaces each day prior to leaving. Cleaning and disinfecting chemicals will be kept in a locked cabinet away from students.

All homeroom classrooms are furnished with hand soap for frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing.

Student desks will be placed 3 to 6 feet apart in each classroom. Our students will remain with their homeroom class to minimize the crossover with other students and adults. At WMR, outdoor spaces will be utilized as much as possible.

\*Schedules and homeroom teacher assignments are subject to change due to enrollment or health considerations.

### **What about my student's school supplies?**

If you ordered school supplies online, they will be delivered to your classroom and will be waiting on your child on the first day of school. If you did not order supplies, we will have a date for drop off prior to the first day of school to minimize students needing to bring them on the first day. You will be notified of the drop of date through BB Blackboard.

### **What will Remote Learning look like?**

Students enrolled in remote learning will follow all district guidelines previously provided in terms of devices requirements, time of instruction, and orientation meetings.

At WMR, students participating in remote learning will be placed in a grade specific homeroom class with a WMR teacher. This homeroom will be similar in size to the traditional learning environment and will be with other students zoned for WMR.

Remote learning will utilize the Schoology platform to communicate activities, instruction, and assessments. The State of Alabama has purchased a standards-based curriculum for all remote learning. Instruction will be a combination of Webex (face to face) instruction provided by the WMR teacher, other instructional videos, independent practice activities, etc. The Schoology platform will serve as the vehicle to get all instructional components to the student and family at home. Remote learning teachers will continue to communicate with parents via email, Schoology, telephone, etc. We will continue to utilize professional response times within 24 hours of the initial contact during the work week to address questions and concerns.

Attendance will be determined by student participation in daily/weekly instruction and completion of assignments and assessments. Remote learning and traditional learning will be aligned with lessons and pacing as much as possible.

Remote learning students will have a structured schedule with a teacher to assist with day-to-day expectations and assignment completion. This will include weekly art, music, and counseling instruction along with daily PE lessons.

### **How will breakfast and lunch take place at WMR?**

#### **Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served utilizing social distancing. No transaction of money or data entry via keypad will occur at the point of sale. Students will take their breakfast to their classrooms to eat and discard their trash.

## Lunch

Students will eat lunch in the classroom with their homeroom class. No transaction of money or data entry via keypad will occur at the point of sale. Lunch accounts should be paid online using My School Bucks or any money brought to school should be in an envelope with your child's name and teacher name included on the outside of the envelope. Teachers and Child Nutrition Staff will work together to ensure efficient communication of lunch choices (if available) and distribution. Students will utilize hand soap and/or hand sanitizer prior to eating. Lunches will be pre-made in covered trays that will allow for easy transport and prevent the spread of germs. Third graders will have their lunches delivered to the classrooms. Our Fourth and fifth graders will pick up their lunches and return to their classrooms to eat.

## What will celebrations look like this year?

No outside food or snacks may be brought into the classroom for group consumption. This includes treats for student birthdays or holidays. We will not have a Veterans' Day Program, Holiday program, clubs, Thanksgiving lunches, nor book fairs. We *WILL* find ways to celebrate all the wonderful children and events that occur throughout the year and behavior celebration *will* continue in conjunction with our school-wide positive behavior support model. WMR will continue to provide ALL students in a school experience with virtual book fairs, activities, and celebrations. Safety circumstances will be reassessed in January to determine spring semester activities.

## How will hallway restrooms and water fountains be sanitized/disinfected at WMR?

All restrooms will be sanitized/disinfected throughout the day on each hallway.

Water fountains will be available for students. Our custodians will keep all water fountains sanitized/disinfected all throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to send water bottles with their students. **Don't forget to remind your child about their water bottle.**

## Who will wear face masks and face coverings?

At WMR, all faculty and staff will wear masks and face shields during the school day. We are aware that wearing masks for 7 ½ hours for students may be difficult, however students in Auburn City Schools will be required to wear masks as feasible. Students attending school at WMR will be provided a reusable, washable face cover at the beginning of school year. Parents/Guardians are asked to provide additional masks, as needed. Disposable masks will be available for incidental use but should be reserved for an emergency in which the provided or personal mask is not available. Students should be practiced and prepared in managing their mask independently.

The wearing of masks by students during the school day will follow practical guidelines that are appropriate for the student's health needs and developmental stage. This will allow the teacher to require masks during certain portions of the school day when physical distancing is not possible, and instruction requires collaboration and student interaction. Some examples: transitions, partner reading, small group guided reading, etc. Please note: **WHEN WE MOVE, WE MASK.**

### Will visitors be allowed to visit the classroom, cafeteria, or meet for parent conferences?

Visitors to the building during normal operating hours will be limited and by appointment only. Mrs. Meadows will continue to welcome parents and support any needs that arise. To minimize exposure, personal deliveries to students will be limited to medical needs only. We will have a basket located at the front office for you to drop off belongings. **All visitors are expected to wear masks and practice social distancing upon entering the building. THIS INCLUDES THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** Resource teachers and staff will be available on the first days of school to ensure students know where to go.

### How will I check-in and check-out my student this year?

Please email the office ([lmmeadows@auburnschools.org](mailto:lmmeadows@auburnschools.org)) 30 minutes before checking your child/children out at WMR. This is to minimize exposure while waiting to check-out. If you cannot email, please call the office from your car to request your student. (334) 887-1990.

**\*We will still have a policy of NO CHECKOUTS AFTER 2:00.**

### Will special area teachers teach lessons at WMR?

Special area teachers will teach lessons in homeroom classrooms. Students will be able to check out library books from the library with temporary book isolation/sanitizing taking place upon return of books. Students will use hand washing or hand sanitizing protocols when they transition to different parts of the building.

### Physical Education

Physical Education will take place daily at WMR. Class homerooms will remain distanced as practically as possible. Outside PE will be utilized as much as possible at WMR. Students will use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit each day. If PE equipment is utilized, it will be sanitized between classes.

### ART

Individual art supplies will be provided by WMR to prevent cross-contamination between students. Mrs. Goodman will travel to the classrooms and provide weekly art instruction. All materials used will either belong to specific students or be sanitized between each use.

### Media

Students will be able to check out library books from the library with temporary book isolation taking place upon return of books. Upon return, books will be sanitized with a portable UV sterilizer. Mrs. Dempsey will travel to classrooms to provide story time and literacy instruction to students.

### Music

Students at WMR will continue to learn music and enjoy musical experiences this year. Mrs. Brinkley will travel to the classrooms and provide weekly music instruction. All materials used will either belong to specific students or be sanitized between each use.

### Computer

Mrs. Durham will come to each homeroom on a weekly basis to provide computer experiences for students. All iPads/keyboards will be sanitized daily before and after use with a portable UV sterilizer and other approved cleaners.

### Venture

Students will continue to explore STEM related topics in innovative and fun ways. Mrs. Bass will travel to the classrooms and provide weekly instruction. All materials used will either belong to specific students or be sanitized between each use.

### Counselor

Mrs. Nelson will offer one on one and whole group counseling. Whole group counseling will take place in the homeroom classroom. All materials utilized will either belong to specific students or be sanitized between each use.

### Will recess take place at WMR?

All homeroom classrooms or cohorts will have daily recess. Handwashing and sanitizing protocols will be used before and after playground use.

### What will arrival and dismissal look like at WMR?

#### Arrival

For student and staff safety, **ALL** students should come through the car line via bus or car. Parents should not park and walk students to the building as no visitors are allowed in classrooms or the hallway. **THIS DOES INCLUDE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** Faculty and staff will be available to greet your students and direct them on finding their classrooms. We cannot wait to see our EAGLES!

At 7:05 teachers will unload buses one at a time and students will be directed to use the entry doors that will be closest to the location of their classroom. This prevents large groups from congregating in the entryway. Students will proceed to their classroom.

Car riders will begin unloading after the buses have left campus. The students will follow the same entry procedure as bus riders.

Walker/Bike riders will enter the building on their designated hallway using the same entry doors.

*\*Parents will need to refrain from standing at entry doorways so that social distancing can take place safely. Thank you so much for your consideration and understanding as we keep all students safe and healthy.*

#### Dismissal

Buses will load one at a time to prevent students from mixing in large crowds. Students will exit the building from their hallways, and staff will monitor the loading of buses. In order to minimize the number of students in the hallway at one time, bus dismissal will begin earlier than in previous years.



Once all buses are loaded, car riders will be dismissed from classrooms. Students will exit from their hallways and report to their cars using social distancing with guidance from teachers.

Students riding daycare vans will be loaded one at a time. Students who attend the after-school program will be dismissed last to their designated area by classrooms.

**Will the Afterschool Program (WIN) be offered to students at WMR?**

Students will be divided in small groups overseen by one after-school staff member who will stay with that specific group of students in order to minimize exposure. Students will be grouped by homeroom to the extent possible. Students will rotate through various activity stations that will be sanitized by trained staff members upon exit. During activities students will be seated as far from each other as possible. We will utilize the outdoor spaces as weather permits.

Snacks will be distributed by staff members wearing masks and gloves. All snacks will be individually pre-packaged and will not be prepared by staff members.

After-school employees will be required to wear masks and will receive training on safe practices related to COVID-19.

When picking up your student, please be mindful of social distancing procedures. Please do not crowd the check-out table.

**How will your 2020-2021 Classroom Teacher Assignments & Meet Your Teacher take place this year?**

Wrights Mill Road students participating in both traditional and remote learning will receive a letter in the mail letting them know who their teacher will be for the 2020-2021 school year.

Also, our “Meet Your Teacher” will be held virtually this year via WebEx for both traditional and remote learning students. In the letter, you will be provided a link to sign up for a time to meet your teacher virtually. If you are unable to participate virtually, please email your student’s homeroom teacher to set up a time to speak with your teacher by phone. Third graders will also receive an “About our School Year” brochure and a link to view our school welcome video.

Thank you again for your support and flexibility. WMR is the wonderful place it is because we all work together!

With heartfelt appreciation,

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