

Unionville Elementary School Frequently Asked Questions

*Answers are subject to change based on state and district guidelines

Which day of the week will my child be assigned to come to school?

To start the year, students will be assigned to one face-to-face day of in class instruction and four remote learning days. Your child’s day of in class instruction will be assigned based on their last name.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Last names A-D Group A	Group A Attends in-person	Group A Remote Learning	Group A Remote Learning	Group A Remote Learning	Friday is a remote learning day for all groups
Last names E-K Group B	Group B Remote Learning	Group B Attends in-person	Group B Remote Learning	Group B Remote Learning	
Last names L-Q Group C	Group C Remote Learning	Group C Remote Learning	Group C Attends in-person	Group C Remote Learning	
Last names R-Z Group D	Group D Remote Learning	Group D Remote Learning	Group D Remote Learning	Group D Attends in-person	

May I request for my children to attend school on the same day of the week.

All siblings & students who reside in the same household will be assigned to attend school on the same day. Please contact the school if you have questions about your child’s assignment.

When is the First Day of School? The First Day of School is Monday, August 17, 2020 for Plan B and Virtual Academy.

When is the First Day of School for Kindergarten students? This year, Kindergarten students will attend school on their assigned day of school as other students.

May I visit my child’s classroom, walk my child to class, or eat lunch with my child? Due to state and county guidelines, parents/guardians will not be permitted to participate in these activities at this time. We look forward to you being able to interact safely with your child as soon as possible.

Since I can’t walk my child to class the first day of school, what do I do if he/she cries? It is typical for students and parents to cry on the first day of school. If your child is nervous about walking to class alone, we will have someone there to escort your child to class. We assure you that once they get to school and get into a

routine things get better.

You can call later in the day to check in, if you would like to. After we establish our new routine, this is something that your teacher or the counselor will talk to you about if he/she notices that your child continues to have a hard time adjusting in the morning or during the school day. Children often feed off our emotions, so the more positive and upbeat you are about school, your child is more likely to feel the same way.

Will you have signage on the floors or walls? Yes, the school district is providing signage and floor decals to display throughout the school.

Can I deliver cupcakes or treats for my child's class? Not at this time, due to safety reasons and protocol.

Is breakfast and lunch provided at school? Yes, students will be able to practice social distancing and will receive a grab and go breakfast and lunch to eat in the classroom or cafeteria if enough space allows.

What do I need to do if I need to meet with a teacher, counselor, or administrator? Please call the school to make an appointment or visit the staff directory on our school website to send an email to the teacher or other staff member with whom you would like to meet. All meetings will be virtual at this time.

Will there be an Open House this year? Yes, we will host a virtual Open House. You will receive an email with a video from your child's teacher on Thursday, August 13.

What will the car rider line be like? We recommend that parents be in the line between 7am-7:15am to support the new procedures that will be in place. Staff members will be in the line to check temperatures. Students will have their temperature taken before they exit their vehicle. If a child has a fever of 100.4 or higher, parents will have the option of taking their child back home or waiting for a second temperature check. If the child still has a high temperature, he/she cannot stay at school. All students not riding the bus should be dropped off in the car rider line.

What do I need to do if my child is a bus rider and when they get to school, they have a fever? Someone will check the temperatures of students on the bus lot. If the child has a fever, they will be escorted to a designated location and have their temperature rechecked in 15 min. If the child still has a fever after 15 min, a parent will be contacted so that arrangements can be made for the child to be picked up from school.

What happens if it's the middle of the day, my child isn't feeling well, and he/she has a fever? If your child is already at school and a fever is detected, a parent or guardian will be required to pick the child up from school. Children cannot return to school for 24 hours after having a fever. If the child has Co-vid 19 symptoms, we ask that you speak to your doctor. Our school nurse will be available for you to speak with as well.

What instructional platforms will the school be using? Canvas will be the primary means for instruction and Peach Jar for communication, K-5. We will also post things to our Facebook page and website.

Will my student be issued a device to take home? Second - Fifth grade students will be issued a laptop that they can take home for instructional use. **Parents will need to sign an agreement** and will receive a copy of

school guidelines. The agreement will be provided to parents and can be found on our website.

You will be receiving information about when to pick up your child's chromebook prior to the first day of school. Students participating in the Virtual Academy will be given a time to come to school to pick up their laptops.

Will students still be sharing cubbies or what will the classroom look like? Students will not be sharing cubbies. We are asking that each student have his or her own set of supplies. Each teacher will have a process for students to store their belongings. Students will be spaced out according to social distancing guidelines. <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources/lighting-our-way-forward>

Are students required to wear masks while they are at school? All students K-12 are required to wear masks. Students will be provided mask breaks throughout the day. Teachers will also instruct students on wearing PPE, proper handwashing, social distancing, etc.

What if my child forgets their mask? The state and district will be providing masks for students and staff. Our plan is to store masks at school. If students refuse to wear a mask or consistently forget their mask at home, parents will be contacted so that we can discuss how to best support our students. This could result in your child being remote until they are willing to comply with the guidelines.

Will students be able to have recess? Yes. At this time, students will have recess on the fields while following social distancing guidelines. We will not utilize playground equipment at this time.

Can my child bring her/his own hand sanitizer to use? Yes, children can still bring their own sanitizer; however, we ask that they do not share it with others.

What if my child forgets something at home and I need to drop it off for him/her? Only essential items such as eyeglasses or medication will be accepted at the front door. Bookbags, homework or forgotten lunches are not essential items. We will make sure every child gets lunch at school. Please ring the doorbell and someone will meet you at the front door to accept essential items noted.

What if my child needs to see a counselor? Our school counselor will still be available to meet with students as well as our school social worker and behavior therapist.

I have an EC child or a child with a 504 Plan. Will they still get accommodations? Yes, accommodations will be provided for students. This will be worked out with the homeroom teacher and EC teacher or 504 coordinator.

Will schoolwork be required? Yes, schoolwork will be required and teachers will be grading work, taking attendance and giving feedback. When students are in a remote learning environment, completion of assignments are required and graded.

Will students still have C-SPAM? Yes, students will still have C-SPAM. Teachers will share a copy of their daily schedule with parents. If you do not receive a copy or at some point need another copy, reach out to your child's teacher.

Whom do I reach out to if I need assistance with school supplies, food, meeting my child's basic needs, etc.? You can call the school office at 704-296-3055 for assistance. You can also contact your child's teacher.

Will the buses be sanitized? Yes, buses will be sanitized and there will be a limit to how many students can ride a bus.

If I call or email my child's teacher, when can I expect a response? Please give teachers at least 24hrs to respond. Remember that teachers are teaching both remotely and face-to-face 4 days a week. If you have waited over 24hrs to hear from a teacher, please call the front office and we will assist you with getting in touch with the teacher.

Will any grade levels be rotating to different teachers this year for each subject? Yes. This year each student will be assigned to one homeroom teacher and will travel with their cohort to the second teacher in some grade levels. Students will see other teachers from their grade level remotely, when they view lessons online or possibly in small group sessions on their face-to-face day.

What if we don't have internet access? We will be sending out a survey the first week of school to gather information about internet access and technology devices in the home. At this time, students in 2nd-5th grade will be issued Chromebooks. If you would like to request a hotspot, email Jessica Conklin at Jessica.conklin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Is remote learning this time going to be different from the spring? Yes. Student work will be graded. Teachers will be giving daily feedback on students' progress. It is expected that students and families stay in communication with their homeroom teacher. You may call or email the teacher or contact them through their Canvas course.

Will I know what my child's daily schedule will look like? Yes, your homeroom teacher will give you a copy of what your child's daily schedule will look like for face-to-face and remote learning. Schedules will also be posted on the Canvas pages. On the days in which students are on remote learning, a teacher will provide instruction. Staying in contact with your child's teacher is key.

Whom do I contact if I need to update my contact information? You can contact our Data Manager, Karen Baucom at karen.baucom@ucps.k12.nc.us or call the school at 704-296-3055.

What do I do if I have questions that have not been answered? Call the school at 704-296-3055.