



VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Vernon Township School District Families,

This correspondence is being sent to you to inform you that the Vernon Township School District will **return to hybrid instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021**. We will be offering full days of instruction, inclusive of lunches. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, 1/19	Wednesday, 1/20	Thursday 1/21	Friday 1/22
Blue Team	Blue Team	Gold Team	Gold Team

The schedule through the end of February can be found [here](#).

The Vernon Township School District will remain on a hybrid schedule until further notice.

As a reminder, if your child is not scheduled to be “live” in school, they will have virtual instruction. In addition, all exclusively virtual learners will also have virtual instruction five days a week. Building level schedules, including educational expectations, synchronous versus asynchronous instruction, specific scheduling details, and other health and safety protocols will be distributed by individual schools in the next day or so.

Attached to this correspondence you will find important details regarding operating our schools while we are in “orange” status under CALI (Covid Activity Level Information) reports. The Vernon Township School District will be strictly adhering to all New Jersey Department of Health guidance and CDC guidelines in order to operate our schools as safely as possible.

Since we are still amid the pandemic, I need to remind all families that there may be times that children come to school and do not have their regularly scheduled teacher available to instruct them as you might expect. This means that children will be monitored by a substitute teacher or another teacher who may be assigned to them while they are working on Chrome books, spaced six feet apart from other students. The pandemic has affected students, family members, community members, as well as faculty and staff in our district. **Therefore please be reminded that the reopening schedule is subject to change at any time and should it be necessary due to**

COVID outbreaks or other health-related circumstances, our schools will close for live instruction and revert back to virtual learning.

However, it is my belief that children need to be in school, with their peers and teachers. I remain deeply concerned about our students' social emotional needs and academic needs as well as the risk of exposure to COVID.

As a reminder, if you are unsure of bus stop location(s) or times children should report to the bus, please access the Genesis parent portal where you can find that information. As previously permitted, if you would like to drive children to school, you may do so. Temperatures will still be taken as students exit the bus or car and enter each of our school buildings. Masks are still required on busses. If for some reason you would like to change your child from hybrid to virtual or virtual to hybrid, please contact your child's school directly.

I know the hurdles our students, teachers, and community members have faced have remained challenging this year. I am hopeful that as we move toward the spring and summer, our community can begin to regain a sense of pre-Covid normalcy. Until that time, please remain vigilant with mask wearing, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing. Should you have district level questions, please reach out to Dr. McKay or I. If there is a building level concern, please contact your child's school where the Principal can assist you.

Sincerely,

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