

Forest Oaks' Reopening Plans for 2020-2021

Welcome to FOES!

We would like to share with you the safety precautions we will be putting in place once school starts back. As you know, FOES cannot guarantee that your child will not become ill with COVID-19 or any other illness, but we will be implementing several cleaning and safety measures throughout the school day in hopes of preventing illnesses as much as possible. Our safety precautions are as follows, but are not limited to:

- Each day, our custodial staff will sanitize main areas of the school including classrooms as well as highly-touched areas. Restrooms will also be deep cleaned throughout the day.
- Teachers will use disinfectant wipes/spray sanitizer to wipe down highly-touched areas and desks.
- Teachers will ensure that students wash their hands with soap and water throughout the school day, especially before specials, PE, recess, snack and lunch. Students can use hand sanitizer after transitioning to a different classroom center.
- All hallway water fountains will be turned off. You can certainly send a water bottle with your child to have water during the day, after recess and PE. The sinks in the classrooms will also be available for students to refill their water bottles.
- As students arrive to school, they will go directly to the classroom unless they are eating breakfast. If eating breakfast at school, students will go through the breakfast line to get their breakfast and will then go straight to their classroom to eat. Once in the classroom, they will immediately wash their hands with soap and water.
- Buses will be cleaned after the morning route and again after the afternoon route, daily. Shelby County Schools is requiring students to wear a mask/face covering while riding the bus.
- Students will be required to wear a mask into the building for hallway purposes and will be required to wear a mask any time they are in the hallway. Students will also wear masks when in small group settings and in the classroom setting. Teachers will be giving students consistent mask breaks throughout the school day in the classroom setting.
- Students will be traveling to PE, recess, and to obtain their lunch, daily. They will be eating lunch and snack, either in their classroom, in the hallway or outside, weather permitting. Students will be required to wear masks while traveling. Students will not wear a mask during PE or recess.
- Students will also be traveling to art, music, the computer lab and the library each week. Again, they will be required to wear masks while traveling and while in these special area classes.
- Our hallways are wide enough for two-way travel while allowing for appropriate social distances.
- PE classes will be divided. Half of the students will go to the gym and the other half will go to the cafeteria.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized daily.
- Unfortunately, parents will not be able to participate in in-school events this year. Parents will only be able to come to the office to check their child(ren) in or out of school.
- All meetings held during the first semester will be conducted virtually, such as parent/teacher conferences, etc.
- We ask that if your child does not feel well to please check his or her temperature. If your child has a fever of 100.4 or higher, please do not send him or her to school. Also, please keep your child home if he or she has diarrhea or vomiting. Students must be fever free, diarrhea and vomiting free for 24 hours without medication.
- If your child is a car rider, please note that traffic will probably increase in our car rider line this year as more parents will be bringing/picking their child(ren) up, so please plan ahead for this change.

We appreciate each of you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times. TOGETHER, we will make this a successful school year!