



Global Village Academy Transitioning Forward Plan for the 2020 - 2021 School Year

School resumes for ALL students on **MONDAY, August 24th**. GVA will offer two options for families:

- **Option 1:** Children will be in attendance at school (in the building) five days a week, practicing social distancing and adhering to the other guidelines stated below.
- **Option 2:** For families that do not feel comfortable sending their children to school, there will be an option to attend school remotely at home; however, the school day will be the same as the students attending school in person. Specific expectations are required for those choosing this option. *Please note:* To be consistent, you will need to determine what is best for your student for an entire quarter. If you chose to participate in the distance learning, you will not be able to send your child to school until after the quarter is over. Contact the GVA main office before August 20th arrange for distance learning.

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT



This year's Family Information Night will be for **NEW FAMILIES ONLY**. If you have any child(ren) that attended GVA last year, please do not attend. **Date: Thursday, August 20th, 7pm** in the gym. Please wear a mask and bring your child's supplies.

Returning Families

Supply drop-off will be the week before school from **10am until 3pm**. Please do *not* bring your children.

Gr K & 1: Monday, Aug 17th, **Gr 2 & 3:** Tuesday, Aug 18th, **Gr 4 & 5:** Wednesday, Aug 19th, **Gr 6 - 8:** Thursday, Aug 20th

HEALTH COMPLIANCE



Home Screening

Prior to coming to school, parents are asked to perform a daily health assessment on their student. Faculty and staff of GVA will perform the same daily health assessment.

Temperature Checkpoints

All students will have a temperature screening daily as they enter the building using infrared thermometers.

Any child exhibiting a temperature with 100° or higher **will not** be allowed to attend school. Parents in the car rider line are asked not to pull away until their child(ren) have been cleared to enter the building.



Isolation Area

According to State of Ohio guidelines, children who are ill will be isolated in the art room while waiting for pick up.

ARRIVAL



Students may enter the building starting at 8:00am. Upon arrival, students will immediately proceed to their classrooms maintaining proper distancing. Students that order breakfast will pick up a bagged breakfast from the cafeteria and then proceed to their classroom to eat their breakfast. **Students must arrive by 8:20am.**

Parents/Guardians will not be permitted to escort their children into the building. Inside, teachers will be stationed at each classroom door so no one will get lost along the way.

WASH AND SANITIZE HANDS



Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at all school entrances, high traffic areas, and in classrooms. Students will be reminded about using hand sanitizer and washing hands frequently throughout the day.

Signage is in place throughout the building, reminding students of the importance of washing and sanitizing hands.

Teachers will have a classroom schedule for routine and frequent hand washing and sanitizing. Scheduled restroom breaks will occur. We have updated our bathrooms to include touchless, motion-censored toilet flushing, soap dispensers, and sink faucets.

CLEAN SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT



Classrooms, as well as all high-contact areas of the building commonly used, will be cleaned and sanitized daily. Common areas, such as banisters, door handles, and bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout each day. In-line UV sterilizers and HEPA filters are being installed in our HVAC system to purify the air.

Teachers will be changing classrooms, not students. Students will remain in their homeroom classrooms.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING EFFORTS

We have adjusted our classrooms to increase the distance typically experienced by students. With few exceptions, students will remain in contact only with their homeroom.



- Students' desks are facing the front of the classroom
- Each desk has a cough/sneeze shield that will help limit the spread of germs. This surface will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized each day.
- Classrooms have had all unnecessary equipment/furniture removed
- Lockers will not be used—students will keep their backpacks at their desks.
- Teachers will rotate in and out of classrooms instead of students.

FACE COVERING



All faculty and staff are **required** to wear face covers, as will all visitors to the main office. Students in ALL grades are **required** to wear face covers, per the governor's mandate on August 4th. Students will not be permitted into the building without a face mask or face shield.

LUNCH/RECESS

Students should bring a refillable water bottle to school. Drinking fountains will be closed, but water bottles may be refilled as needed at our new, touchless bottle-filling stations.



We will still be cooking and providing healthy meals at GVA. All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria daily, but will have assigned seating areas to allow for social distancing. Additional lunch periods have been added to the schedule in order to properly space students. The lunch schedule is as follows:

Grades K & 1: 11:00am – 11:20am

Grades 2 & 3: 11:25am – 11:45am

Grades 4 & 5: 11:50am – 12:10pm

Grades 6 & 7: 12:15pm – 12:35pm

Grade 8: 12:40pm – 1:00pm

Recess will be held outside, as weather permits. Social distancing will be enforced during this time.

SPECIALS CLASSES



Physical Education

As usual, students will wear their physical education uniform on their assigned gym day. Gym schedules will be communicated by the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.



Music

Ms. Cole has retired. We will miss her and have decided to suspend our music program for this school year.



Art/Computer/Cultures—Instructions will occur in classrooms by the specific teacher(s).

Each student will have his/her own supplies. There will be no sharing of any supplies.

We are 1:1 students and Chromebooks. Each student will be assigned a Chromebook for in-school use.

VISITORS



Visitors **are not** permitted in the school building, unless an appointment as been made in advance. We love our parents, but we are discouraging unnecessary visits to school. All visitors entering the building must wear a mask.

Parents/Guardians that need to pick up students outside of the normal dismissal time will need to call the school office in advance. The Office Administrator will sign your child out and will supervise your child meeting you in the parking lot.

SCHOOL EVENTS/EXTRA CURRICULARS



We are making every attempt to maintain a "normal" school year, maintaining the traditions we have established over the years. Depending upon circumstances, some of these events will be cancelled or postponed to a later date. Assemblies and field trips will be cancelled/postponed to a later date.

We are in the process of reviewing extra-curricular activities to determine if, and how, these activities can be offered given the new constraints.

ONLINE/REMOTE LEARNING



The school day for students completing online learning will be the same as in-person. Students will be expected to sign on at 8:20 AM, engage with the teacher during class, take breaks at assigned times, and interact with the class during live streaming.

The following guidelines need to be followed:

- **All classes will be live-streamed and attendance will be taken during each class**
- **Students will be expected to participate**
- **Faces must be shown on home devices**
- **Students must wear school uniform**
- **Students must act appropriately during class (not making faces or talking to others)**
- **No toys or eating during class - water bottles are acceptable**
- **Breaks taken at the same time as in-school breaks**
- **School begins at 8:20 AM**
- **Schedule to be provided by the classroom teacher**

BUSES



We are in communication with Parma City Schools about bus transportation. At this point, we are still waiting to hear back about the availability of busing and the requirements for students eligible for bus transportation. As soon as we learn more, we will immediately reach out to our families. We understand it is stressful not knowing if transportation is secured, but we are doing all we can to get you answers as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATION



Communication will be a key factor this year. Our website and email will be our main platforms for communication. We will continue to use OneCallNow for school-wide calls and FinalForms to collect and send documents. Please check your email daily.

Grades and missing assignments will be located in ProgressBook— Parent Access.

Google classroom will be our main platform for assigning work and completing work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Families and staff members must notify the school if they have been exposed to COVID-19 and are quarantined, or if a family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or is being isolated. Personnel and students with known exposure to someone with diagnosed COVID-19 must self-quarantine at home for fourteen (14) days.

If a student or staff member is sent home with a fever, the student or staff member must be fever free for 72 hours without the assistance of a fever-reducing medication prior to returning to school.

We also ask that all families take precautions and do not travel during the 14-day period prior to the start of school.

FINAL THOUGHTS



This plan outlines the first steps as we prepare to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. Our plan adheres to the guidelines from the State of Ohio, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will continue to adjust and revise this plan based upon guidance from local and state authorities, and we pledge to keep you updated regarding any new developments.