



Back to School Q & A



Dear Lindley Park Parents,

We are looking forward to starting the school year, even under new circumstances. In plan “C”, buildings are closed for students and 100% of instruction will take place online. This will be in effect for ACS until September 21st, 2020. You received your A/B day assignments under the previous plan, and though those are *not* relevant under plan C, please maintain that information for the future. You will of course have many questions about how to make this year a successful one both academically and socio-emotionally for your son or daughter. We have outlined a few “*Need to Knows*” to below.

What are the dates I need to know?

- **Device Pick-Up** will take place on August 13th for all students that do not already have a school-issued device at home. Please note: Students in grades K-2 will receive an iPad, and students in grades 3-5 will receive a Chromebook. Please come at your convenience between the hours of 9:00 and 6:00 at our bus loop. When you come to pick up your child’s device, we ask that you wear a mask when passing the bus loop and interacting with teachers and staff. We will also have other school supplies available for those who need them (pencils, paper, and the like).
- **A virtual “Meet the Teacher”** video will be made available on August 14th. You will have access via our website and ClassDOJO to a pre-recorded video from your child’s teacher to watch at your convenience. It will include an introduction to the teacher and information about how to connect to school via your child’s new device. Teachers will follow-up with scheduled Google or in-person meetings. See details in the next bullet.
- **Remote Learning Orientation** will take place during the week of August 17th. Teachers will host virtual and in-person orientation sessions for students and families that need more support than that provided in the *Meet the Teacher* videos and also for those who have follow-up questions. Be prepared to wear a mask and to socially distance during any in-person meetings on campus. All visitors will go through a screening process of a temperature check and a series of questions prior to entering the building. These sessions will be set-up by appointment. Expect communication from your child’s teacher in the coming days. For in-person appointments, we are limiting attendance to the student and up to 2 adults.

When is my child’s official first day of school?

Everyone’s first day of school will be on Monday, August 17th. As we start the school year, our goals for the first two weeks of school will be to orient you and your students to your new device, the learning management system (Google Classroom), and some applications students will use to support their learning. Additionally, we hope to help your students adjust to the new learning environment by delivering non-academic lessons focused on their social and emotional well-being during this time.

For the first two weeks of school, please plan to have your child log on for a session with his/her teacher at **ONE** of the following times each day beginning on Monday August 17th. Links for these meetings will be shared via your child’s ACS Google account and posted on ClassDojo.

- 8:30 AM
- 1:30 PM



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Once we have all become adjusted to the learning environment and begin to further delve into academic content and coursework, you will receive an updated schedule from your child's teacher.

How will you take attendance?

Whether students are attending school on or off site, we must take attendance daily. Your child's attendance will be determined by presence in online Google meets, other two-way communication with his or her teacher, and/or by student work completion.

If your child is absent, please continue to send in doctors' notes and/or parent notes (via email or fax) for our records.

Will I have to be a computer or technology expert to help my student succeed?

You or your child's caregiver will need to be able to help your student log on to his or her device and on to his or her Google classroom. That information will be provided in the fore-mentioned *Meet the Teacher* videos and additional support will be provided during Remote Learning Orientation.

Students will have access to a help desk at all times, as well as the knowledge and expertise of their teachers.

How will this remote learning experience differ from the one at the end of the 2019-2020 school-year?

Last spring, when school closed suddenly, we were all taken by surprise and had to be flexible in our new learning environments as we anticipated challenges for families, teachers, and students. This fall, there will be stricter attendance expectations for our students and higher expectations for student work completion and participation.

We have strategies in place to support you and your child's distance learning efforts including, but not limited to:

- An individual and uniform device for each student.
- Support in gaining access to WiFi.
- Set weekly times for virtual instruction.
- Established teacher office hours for conferences and or student help sessions.
- Tech support from our media specialist, Mrs. Malpass, and from the ACS helpdesk.
- Online tutorials that focus on skills such as accessing, organizing, and submitting digital assignments, communicating with your teacher, joining synchronous lessons, and being capable digital citizens.

How often will my child log on for instruction and how much time will be spent working independently?

Grades	Instructional Time (with the classroom teacher)	Independent Work Time (approximately)
K-2	1 hour daily	1 hour daily
3-5	1-2 hours daily	2 hours daily



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These are approximations, and students will have opportunities for additional support and/or intervention from their classroom teacher or guidance counselor as needed. These times also do not include online instruction that may be delivered by an EC, ESL, or AIG teacher or the lessons that will be provided by a specialist in music, art, or PE.

What about school supplies? Do remote learners and on campus students require the same materials?

Make sure that your child has access to paper, pencils, crayons, and/or colored pencils. Other school supplies intended for blended instruction (both in-person and virtual) will not be needed at this time. However, it would be prudent to have a bag, case, or protective covering for your child’s school-issued device.

We thank you for your continued support of our school and our students. Lindley Park is where **Leopards LEAP!** We learn, encourage, achieve, and persevere. In the challenging times we feel that our staff, students, and families are ready to LEAP! If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me or Mr. Dillion via email at ndomally@asheboro.k12.nc.us, jdillion@asheboro.k12.nc.us, or by phone at 336-625-6226.

Sincerely,
Nikki Domally, Principal