

Plans for Returning to School



We are excited to welcome students for the 2020-2021 school year! Our re-opening steering committee, that includes Mary Brotherton, Anne Evers, Susan Howison, Christine Stofer, Debbie Warden and Laurie Yalem, are tending to the many details that focus on the health, safety, learning and social/emotional needs of our students. Our commitment to provide the finest, individualized, remedial education remains. We will implement recommendations from Centers for Disease Control, St. Louis County Department of Public Health, National Association of Independent Schools, Independent Schools Association of the Central States and Independent Schools of St. Louis, St. Louis Children's Hospital and other specialized schools for children with language based learning disabilities similar to ours. Thankfully, our overall 1:3 teacher-to-student ratio, our model of daily 1:1 tutorial and small group classes will help make the implementation of these recommendations less disruptive than it might otherwise be.

As we gain more information and guidance we will share specific details regarding the start of the school year. In the meantime, we want to provide some of the overarching themes that are guiding our preparations.

WHAT OUR UNYIELDING COMMITMENT TO HEALTH & SAFETY WILL LOOK LIKE:

1. SOCIAL DISTANCING

Whenever feasible, students, faculty and staff will be encouraged to maintain a six-foot distance between one another. We are fortunate our classrooms and small group model will enable us to do this. There is also space in tutorial rooms for the student and teacher to be six feet apart.

2. FACIAL COVERINGS

Faculty and staff will be required to wear a face mask. Shields may be worn in addition to face masks. Students will also be required to wear masks inside the school building. Students will be given opportunities to take a break from wearing masks when they are outside and appropriately distanced from others.

3. CLEANING & DISINFECTING

Churchill continues to make additional investments in training and equipment to ensure common surfaces are disinfected frequently. Regular deep cleaning will include the use of an Electrostatic Spraying System.

4. GOOD HYGIENE

All members of our community will understand best practices in personal hygiene and work with students to ensure these are practiced frequently and correctly.

5. SELF-HEALTH SCREENINGS

Students, faculty and staff will complete and report a daily health screening. We will partner with families to ensure students stay home if necessary.

6. EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Churchill will work with St. Louis County Department of Public Health to ensure we follow recommendations if someone in our community has had confirmed exposure to or tests positive for COVID-19.

7. VISITORS

Access to the building will be limited to students, faculty and staff. Parents and other visitors will be limited to designated area.

8. PERSONAL SUPPLIES

We will create ways to minimize sharing of materials to the greatest extent possible.

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1 Considerations for Schools | CDC." 19 May, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html> Accessed 19 June 2020

2 St. Louis County - will be releasing mandates and recommendations soon

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We can't wait to see you!

Our objective is to strike a balance between the precautions we must take to minimize risk while still providing the finest, remedial education our students deserve. You can expect us to be diligent in following safety guidelines while maintaining our caring and child-centered environment. We will do all we can to ensure students return to campus understanding and feeling comfortable with what to expect!

(These plans are subject to change as circumstances evolve or expert recommendations advise).