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Dear RCS Families,

Heading into January 11th, students will either be attending school as a “virtual” student or as an “in-person” student. The chart below outlines the two learning options.

Virtual Learning Option	In-Person Learning Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All core subjects will be live streamed from the classroom during the school day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students will be able to access this stream through Zoom and will be a part of the class. They will be able to participate and complete classwork at the same time as their peers. All classwork will be posted on Google Classroom. This is where students will access the materials so they can follow along with the class and also where they will submit any completed work. Wednesday will be a virtual day, and students will follow their online schedule. This online program will be the same as what they received over the past couple of weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will take place in person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We will continue to incorporate technology, so we are asking that 3rd-5th grade students bring their computers to school and back home each day. K-2nd grade will keep their computers at home for homework and classes on Wednesday. Wednesday will be a virtual day, and students will follow their online schedule. This online program will be the same as what they received over the past couple of weeks. Currently class sizes for the in-person learning option are ranging between 17-24 students per class. This means we are projected to have an average of 20 “in-person” students per class starting Monday.

We are currently using the information from the recent survey to determine the learning option each family has chosen. If you have filled out the survey or shared your decision with your child’s teacher, you will receive the instructional program you selected. If you have not completed the survey or spoken with your child’s teacher, please call the main office or send me an email at pmckinney@rcsli.org as soon as possible. If after reviewing this document you wish to change your child’s learning option please send me an email requesting that change no later than 5:00pm on Saturday 1/9/21. Classroom protocols and systems will be designed based on these numbers, so for the safety of all of our students, no learning option changes will be permitted until 4/12/21. Additional information will be provided at this time regarding the changing of models.



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New Safety Precaution:

Plexiglass dividers have been built for each student in order to provide the safest environment possible. This will allow us to bring back the majority of our students for in person instruction 4 days a week. Students will still be required to wear masks except during lunch, snack and designated mask break times.

I am excited to provide these learning options to our families. I am confident that whichever option a family chooses, their child will receive the best possible education during these difficult and unprecedented times. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick McKinney
Principal



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The following information was provided to families in September and remains in place for the balance of the school year.

Mask/Face Covering- Wearing a mask/face covering will be required by all staff and students. This includes on school buses, in common areas of school buildings, and during classroom instructional time. Students will not be required to wear a mask according to the developed mask break schedule or when they are eating/ drinking during lunch or snack. When possible please send your child with two face masks daily.

Uniforms- Students are encouraged to wear their RCS uniforms while attending school. However, students are not required to wear their uniforms for this year only. We are asking that students who are not wearing school uniforms wear a grey top and closed toe shoes. Students will be allowed to wear jeans for this year only.

Health and Safety Protocols- Riverhead Charter School is taking safety precautions that include social distancing, education regarding the importance of wearing a mask, temperature screenings, designated spaces for ill students, no visitors allowed in the building, no drop off items during the day, and enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

Arrival:

Please pull up to the designated drop off spot in front of the elementary school. Due to Covid-19, staff will not be opening car doors. We will allow students into the building at 8:00am.

Dismissal:

Dismissal will begin at 3:00pm

Due to Covid-19, we have to take extra precautions and only 5 people will be allowed in the building at a time. We will move as quickly as we can.

COVID-19 Health Plan:

If your child is showing any of these symptoms or has been in contact with someone that has had a confirmed case of COVID-19, we ask that you keep your student home and notify the school nurse. Families will be asked to please check for COVID-19 symptoms daily prior to arriving.

<u>Pediatric COVID-19 symptoms</u>	<u>Adult COVID-19 Symptoms</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Headache • Runny nose • Coughing • Loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Difficulty breathing • Gastro-intestinal tract symptom (Diarrhea) • Muscle aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea



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Temperature Checks upon Arrival

Prior to arriving at school, parents must check their student's temperature in addition to following up at home with screening protocols. Every student and family member who enter the school will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Students, faculty, and staff with a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over will not be permitted to attend school.

School Health Offices/Sick Student Nurse Visit

Students, faculty and staff with any possible symptoms (i.e. coughing, respiratory distress, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, or a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, etc.) will be directed to a quarantine area where they will be further assessed and monitored by a member of our office staff while awaiting transport home. Faculty and staff that self-transport, who are physically able to drive, may be escorted to their car with proper PPE worn by both ill staff member and escort.

Quarantine Room

A separate quarantine station will be assigned for anyone who runs a temperature 100 degrees or higher or shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school. This room will be immediately cleaned and disinfected after each usage. If more than one child is being sent home, all persons in the quarantine station will need to wear protective face coverings. The room will not be occupied for one hour after cleaning and disinfection has occurred.

What if my Child is Sent Home with COVID-19 Symptoms?

According to the Department of Health, any students who is sent home with symptoms will need the following to return to in-person instruction:

- Documentation from a health care provider following evaluation
- Symptom Resolution

Any student who screens positive for COVID-19 symptoms, meaning they have two or more symptoms simultaneously and are believed to have COVID-19, may return to the in-person learning environment at school with all the following:

- Documentation from a health care provider following evaluation
- Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result
- Symptom free for 24 hours