



July 2020

Dear BCPS Parents (and prospective parents),

BCPS will open as planned to be live only - not remote - with our first morning of school on Monday, September 14th (Meet-n-Greet morning is Friday, September 11th). We are licensed by the NYC Department of Health and they have already officially allowed reopening of child-based centers as of two weeks ago, so if we were year-round or had a summer program, we would already be open.

Our entire student body is the size (or smaller) than just one DOE classroom and with schools servicing literally hundreds even up to a thousand students, they have much bigger and more complicated logistics to solve than we do. Most of what is required in the NYS and NYCDOH mandated reopening plan, BCPS has always had in place so while we will need make adjustments to our daily routine, they are minor and will affect morning drop-off time and toy sharing for the most part. We meet all markers that are currently required- less than 15 students in any class, contained classrooms with the same teachers each day, enough square footage for 6 ft of distance - though for young children this is not required.

Also, as per NYCDOH and NYS, masks are not mandatory for children ages 2-5 while in school. Teachers and all adults must wear masks but not children - though CDC does recommend them if the child will tolerate without tugging on them or touching their faces.

While Covid-19 has required extra caution and due diligence from all of us, we are confident that BCPS will be ready to reopen safely for our children and staff alike. So, barring anything extraordinary happening between now and mid-September which would be completely out of our control, we are gearing up to open on time with our regular class time schedule.

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