



Bee Meadow School Reopening Plan September 2020

Overview

We are very excited to welcome you back to school for the 2020-2021 school year! While this year will be somewhat different than the past, we will continue to provide our students with positive educational experiences throughout the school year. We have been preparing for the return of all staff and students following the guidelines set forth in the [“Restart and Recovery: The Road Back”](#) plan published by the State of NJ. Additionally, the [Hanover Township Restart and Recovery](#) district plan is available on the district website. While school may physically look a little different this year and the delivery of instruction may be changed from past years, we are continuing to provide our outstanding educational programs for our students.

As you review this plan, please be aware that there could be changes and alterations that take place, as dealing with this pandemic creates a very fluid atmosphere for our plans. We encourage you to talk with your children about the plan, what the school environment will look like, and the safety precautions that will be followed each day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the plan, please feel free to contact the main office at (973) 515-2419.

Daily Pre-screening Tool

Student and staff screenings will take place at home on a daily basis and prior to the start of the school day via a self-screening/certification process. The district will be using a mobile application titled: "rSchoolToday."

Training Video for parents/staff- <https://rtvbroadcaster.com/archive/video/play/16753>

It is crucial that staff screen themselves and parents screen their child before leaving for school. We do not want any of our students or staff traveling and/or entering our schools if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms below:

- Fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius)
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

See the [Hanover Township Restart and Recovery](#) for specific information related to protocols for symptomatic students and staff.

Safety Precautions

As students and staff enter the building and their classrooms, they must maintain social distancing to the maximum extent possible. As per Governor Murphy's order, staff and students will be required to wear masks upon arrival at school and throughout the school day when indoors, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health.

Desks, facing the same direction in classrooms, will be separated based on current social distancing guidelines to the greatest extent possible. In addition, each student desk will be equipped with approved, clear, desk shields to provide a second layer of protection to students and staff. For those classrooms where tables are used, only two students will be seated on opposite sides of each table and a clear dividing barrier will be attached and/or placed on the table to provide a layer of protection to each student. In addition, a moveable teacher shield will be provided in all classroom settings.

Students will be provided with their own classroom materials so that there is no sharing of materials. Supply lists for each grade level for the 2020-2021 school year are posted to the district website.

Arrival/Drop off

When students arrive at school they should enter the building using the entrance doors as detailed below and report directly to their homeroom class. There will not be outdoor lineup this year.

Cafeteria Doors: Kindergarten, Mrs. Goldberg's class, Mrs. Soliman's class

Main Entrance: Mrs. Bianchi's class, Mrs. Cordasco's class, Mrs. Healy's class, Mrs. DeCaro's class, Mrs. Schneider's class and grades 1, 2, and 3, with the exception of Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Soliman's classes

Blacktop Entrance: Grades 4 and 5

By following these entrance areas, it will limit the number of students in each hallway to help maintain social distancing.

Staff will be assigned to indoor and outdoor locations to monitor students and help ensure social distancing takes place as students enter the building.

Dismissal procedures

Dismissal will be handled on a staggered basis. Students that are walkers will be dismissed at the 12:45 bell and will exit through the doors near the gym/blacktop. All students using our Loop area will be excused at 12:47 and exit through the:

Main Entrance: Kindergarten, Grade 1, Mrs. Soliman's class, and Mrs. Goldberg's class

Side Door near the green playground equipment: Grades 2 and 3

Gym/Blacktop Doors: Grades 4 and 5

Note: A change was made to grades 2 and 3 from the original BMS Reopening Plan

Students should maintain social distancing to the maximum extent possible while waiting to be picked up on the Loop. Masks must be worn until students enter their vehicle. Staff will be outside monitoring. Students riding buses will be dismissed from their homerooms as buses arrive.

Parents who are meeting their children rather than using the Loop for pick up should meet them on the blacktop/playground, staying in the area behind the yellow painted lines.

Late arrivals/early departures to/from school

If your child arrives late to school, ring the doorbell at the main entrance and your child will be met by a staff member to enter the building and then sent to their classroom. You will need to sign your child in for the day. Likewise, if your child needs to leave school early, please ring the doorbell to notify the office and a staff member will bring your child to the main entrance for

dismissal. You will need to sign your child out for the day. Please notify the office prior to arrival if your child will be picked up early.

In lieu of sending a note in to the teacher or main office for a change to your child's dismissal plan for the day, please email the change to bmsattendance@hanoverwpschools.org.

Visitors procedures/Dropping of student materials during the school day

In an effort to keep both staff and students healthy, entry to the school by visitors will be very limited. If you need to drop something off for your child during the school day, there will be a designated area for those items. Ring the bell to let the office know that you are dropping off an item. Be sure that the item has your child's name, grade, and teacher written on it.

Chromebooks

All students in grades 3-5 will be issued a Chromebook. They must bring them to and from school each day and charge them every night. Students in grades K-2 will be assigned their own individual Chromebook for use during the school day and will be able to take it home should the district go to a full remote learning schedule.

Daily Schedule overview

The following daily schedule will be utilized each day for in-person instruction:

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| 8:30-8:45 | Arrival |
| 8:45-8:50 | Homeroom |
| 8:50-9:20 | Period 1 |
| 9:23-9:56 | Period 2 |
| 9:56-10:26 | Period 3 |
| 10:29-10:59 | Period 4 |
| 11:02-11:32 | Period 5 |
| 11:35-12:05 | Period 6 |
| 12:08-12:38 | Period 7 |
| 12:45 | Dismissal |
| 12:45-2:05 | Travel Home, Lunch/Recess (at home) |
| 2:05-3:05 | Virtual Instruction (at home) |

Students will continue to participate in all academic areas. Snack time will be provided each day and will vary by teacher. Students will clean their area and wash their hands after eating their snack.

Specials classes will continue to take place in a modified manner.

- Physical Education - outside, when available (above 32 degrees). Send students to school with appropriate clothing. Class will take place in the gym or classroom if the weather is not favorable.
- Music, Computers, and Art will take place within the homeroom setting.
- Media/Library will take place within the homeroom setting. Students will not be permitted to checkout books at this time.
- Spanish instruction will continue on Fridays for grades 4 and 5 during the entire school year. For grades K-3, instruction will begin in March and run through the end of the school year. All classes will be held in the homeroom setting.
- Instrumental Music lessons will be held during the Virtual Instruction time (grades 4 and 5).

Self-contained classroom settings will be held using a full day schedule for in-person and live stream virtual instruction. Mrs. Healy's, Mrs. Cordasco's and Mrs. Bianchi's classes will meet from 8:45 am - 3:05 pm. Mrs. DeCaro's and Mrs. Schneider's PreK classes will meet following their normal AM (9:30-11:45) and PM (12:45-3:05) schedules.

Virtual Learning Option

For parents who chose the Virtual Learning option for their children, the classroom teachers will be live streaming their lessons each day during school hours. Students at home will be able to see and hear the lesson that teachers are providing for students in the classroom setting. Students are expected to be logged in during school hours. Direct interaction with the teacher may not be available during this time. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions through digital methods or during the virtual afternoon session.

Parents will have the option to request to return to in-person instruction at the end of each marking period. All requests must be submitted in writing prior the last date of each quarter, as follows:

- Marking Period 1: Friday, November 20, 2020
- Marking Period 2: Friday, February 5, 2021
- Marking Period 3: Friday, April 16, 2021
- Marking Period 4: N/A

Recording of teacher lessons is not permitted. All students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy for digital resources.

Virtual Learning Hour in the afternoon (2:05-3:05)

The Virtual Learning Hour in the afternoon (2:05-3:05) will be for all students who attend school in-person and virtually. During this time, teachers will have additional lessons, small group or individual assistance, independent assignments, instrumental lessons (grades 4 and 5), etc.

Helping your child prepare for school

To assist us with making the day a success for your child and understanding that direct physical contact between your child and their teacher will be limited (such as assisting with some of the routine behaviors that occur on a daily basis), please discuss and work with your child on the following items:

- Wearing a mask during the school day and the importance of protecting others
- What it means to be socially distant
- How school will be different from last year
- Hand washing and sanitizing
- Be sure they are able to perform the following tasks on their own:
 - Tie their own shoes. If not, consider having them wear velcro or slip-on style shoes
 - Zipper/button their coat
 - Open their own snack and drink

We are looking forward to starting the school year with you on September 8th!

Bee Happy!



Bee Healthy!



Bee Ready!

