



Greetings Rolling Terrace Families-

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. The purpose of the correspondence is to share Rolling Terrace's reopening plan. The Board of Education has decided to partially reopen schools in a phased manner beginning March 15. We contacted all families during November and December to survey whether you were interested in attending school in person or remaining virtual. The results of that survey are being used to develop Rolling Terrace's reopening plans.

These plans are in draft form and are subject to change based on CDC and Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Board of Education guidance.

In planning for the reopening, administrators have used the parent preference survey results, feedback gathered during the February 11 PTA meeting and feedback from teachers and support staff to gather their input and perspective about reopening plans.

There is no question that school will look different this spring. Due to health guidance, school will not look the way we are used to, which is very difficult for us as parents and educators.

Overall, the safety of our community is the most important component of our reopening plan. We are planning to minimize movement throughout the building and maintain strict safety protocols to keep everyone safe. We will need the cooperation of all members of our community to support these efforts.

- Everyone who enters the building must wear a mask and keep their mask on at all times. We have guidelines for eating and drinking, which are the exceptions.
- Everyone must maintain social distancing.
- Handwashing with soap will occur on a regular basis.
- Overall, to maintain the safety of our staff and students, those who do not follow directions or safety protocols will not be able to attend in-person instruction.
- Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who has been potentially exposed will attend school virtually.

The following pages contain details related to Rolling Terrace's reopening plans. As we get a confirmed number of in-person students, we will share more specifics about in-person learning.

Please feel free to contact an administrator with any questions and check back on our website regularly for updates.



What is the timeline for students returning to the building?	Phase 1.1: March 15 Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 who indicated they wanted to return to in-person learning will return to the school building.
	Phase 1.2: (date to be announced) Students in Pre-Kindergarten, Headstart, Grade 4 and Grade 5 who indicated they wanted to return to in-person learning will return to the school building.
How do I know if my child will be returning to in-person instruction?	If you are not sure of your response to the parent preference survey, please call our main office at (240)750-1950. We sent electronic letters to all families Tuesday evening to the email address on file, please be sure to check your email. Additionally, we will be calling all those families who indicated that they would return to partial in-person to confirm that they still would like to attend.
What if I want to change my mind?	At this time, the only change that can occur is for families to change their preference from in-person to virtual. If your family would like to make that change, please let your child's teacher know, or call the main office (240)740-1950 and we will make the change. If you would like to switch from virtual to partial in-person, we will maintain a waitlist and should space open up, we will contact you.
What are the results of Rolling Terrace's parent survey?	Nearly 60% of our families have shared that they would like their children to remain virtual, and 40% plan to return to in-person instruction.
What will instruction look like?	Virtual instruction will continue to be the primary mode of instruction for the remainder of the school year. Our teachers have worked hard to get to know your child as a learner and establish a class community and build relationships and partnerships with you all as well. With over half of our families electing to remain virtual, we did not want to sacrifice those connections and continuity of programming. Additionally, this will allow your child to continue to have half of their day in Spanish and half in English in the two-way immersion program.
What will the schedule be for in person learning?	In-person instruction will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will remain virtual for all students. The schedule that students have had all year will



	<p>remain the same for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>The bell schedule for in-person learning will be the same as it was in the past: 9:00 AM-3:25 PM. Virtual learning will also continue to occur from 9:00 AM-3:25 PM each day. After March 1, we will communicate more details regarding arrival and dismissal times and locations to our in-person families.</p>
Will my child keep the same teacher?	Yes, regardless of whether your child attends school virtually or in person, they will remain in the same class with the same teacher. This was one of the primary reasons that we are keeping virtual instruction as our primary method of instruction for the remainder of the year. Both parents and teachers felt this continuity was very important in our planning.
What will instruction look like for students in-person?	Students who attend in-person will continue to learn primarily through virtual instruction with their classroom teacher. A Rolling Terrace staff member will be in the room to supervise and support students, but instruction will still primarily be delivered through Zoom with their teacher. It is highly unlikely that your child's teacher will be in the room with them, but a staff member will be there to support and be in constant communication with the classroom teacher to monitor and support student learning.
What will classrooms look like?	<p>We are following CDC guidelines for social distancing, so student desks will be spaced out 6 feet and students will need to remain in their space. We are working with building services, but we have been able to fit about 12 student desks in a classroom. Your child will be in a classroom with students in their grade, but not necessarily in their same class.</p> <p>Students will have a taped off area where they will need to remain in order to maintain social distancing. Rolling Terrace will provide school supplies that will remain at school to support student learning.</p>
What will lunch and recess look like?	Based on the confirmed number of students who return to in-person, this will be shared after March 1. Students will likely eat in their classrooms, breakfast and lunch will be brought to the classroom. MCPS has worked with the Health Department to develop safety guidelines for both eating in the classroom and recess.
What will arrival and dismissal look like?	Both will need to be modified to allow for social distancing. We will share more details after March 1, but students will need to enter and be dismissed through different doors based on their grade level.



What safety measures will be put in place to monitor staff and student safety?	<p>Staff and students will need to complete weekly attestation that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have symptoms of COVID-19 (including but not limited to a fever); 2. Have been diagnosed with the virus; and 3. Have been in close contact with anyone who has/or is believed to have COVID-19. <p>When a person answers positively to any of these questions, they will not be able to attend school in person.</p> <p>Additionally, all staff and students will need to take their temperature daily and alert the school of any changes to the items listed above.</p>
What if someone develops COVID symptoms or tests positive?	<p>MCPS has worked with the health department to develop protocols for addressing a variety of situations. We have established a triage room where students who develop symptoms will wait for parents to pick them up. We have health room staff who will staff the triage room to monitor students' safely.</p>
What about the learning hub that is currently in the building?	<p>MCPS announced that learning hubs in school buildings will be ending March 5.</p>

MCPS Reopening Resources:

[MCPS Recovery of Education Website](#)

[MCPS Recovery Guide](#)

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