

Dear Village Families,

We are looking forward to seeing you soon for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. Classes begin on Wednesday 8/18/21 and we can't wait to welcome students back to campus. This year presents an exciting chance to reconnect with one another as we return to in-person learning and all the benefits that it offers to students.

Returning to Full-time In-Person Learning

Your school has taken great measures to keep students and staff safe. Schools have upgraded ventilation systems; installed hand washing and hand sanitation stations, and will continue to adapt to new safety guidance. Medical and educational experts agree that schools are the best and healthiest places for students to learn and succeed, when the right precautions are taken. Social distancing will not be required this year, which means that we can offer full-time, in-person learning for all students.

Safety Measures to Protect Students and Staff

Return-to-school health guidelines are set by the California Department of Public Health in order to ensure student health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

Under this State-Required Guidance:

- **Masks are mandatory for students** while indoors unless they have a medical exemption.
- Masks are mandatory for teachers and staff indoors while they around our students. Vaccinated staff may remove their masks in office areas where they are not in contact with students.
- Masks will be **optional outdoors**.

Additional Safety Measures VCS is Taking:

- We will continue to teach and support frequent hand-washing.
- VCS will have enhanced cleaning schedules for classrooms and common areas such as breakout rooms and bathrooms.
- We will require daily screening wellness for students and staff—details on this to come.
- Drop off/Pick up protocol will be announced. We are still getting clarification on what is allowed and how we can best coordinate traffic with the other schools on this site.

Please contact Rebecca Ivanoff if your child is unable to return to campus due to their health being put at risk by in-person instruction.

Please take the time to read all emails from vcsofficemanager@gmail.com as this is our main way of communicating with our families. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ivanoff