

Dear VCS Community,

The Village Charter School teachers and staff have been hard at work planning for the day that we are able to bring back students for in-person instruction. It is anticipated that Sonoma County will enter the red tier in the coming weeks. The updated guidance, and the fact that Sonoma County is projected to be in the red tier within the next couple of weeks will allow us to open for ALL students in grades TK-8 the week of April 5, 2021.

When we have students return for in-person instruction, it will not look like the traditional day that we had before the pandemic. We are bound by the State and County directive that requires us to maintain stable groups at all times. This is defined as “a group with fixed membership that stays together without mixing with any other groups for any activities.” Our weekly schedule shown below addresses this and we are fortunate that each class can serve as its own stable group.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
	In Person: Miss Malika’s Class *9:00-1:30 (end time TBD) Miss Kristen’s Class *9:00-3:00	In Person: Miss Barnum’s Class *9:00-3:00 Ms. Parent’s Class *9:00-3:00	In Person: Mr. Robbin’s class *9:00-3:00	
<i>Distance Learning</i> 9:00-1:30 (or as determined by teacher-KINDER 12:30) All Classes	<i>Distance Learning</i> 9:00-1:30(or as determined by teacher) Miss Barnum Ms. Parent Mr. Robbins	<i>Distance Learning</i> 9:00-1:30 (or as determined by teacher-KINDER 12:30) Miss Malika Miss Kristen Mr. Robbins	<i>Distance Learning</i> 9:00-1:30 (or as determined by teacher-KINDER 12:30) Miss Malika Miss Kristen Miss Barnum Ms. Parent	<i>Distance Learning</i> 9:00-10:30 Project/Independent student work as assigned by the teacher. All Classes

*Staggered drop off/pick up times will be announced

**Extended Care plans are in the works. We will be reaching out soon to hear what the need for EC looks like.

In order to reopen in the purple tier, we have to have our COVID-19 Safety Plans (CSP's) approved by the County Health Department and posted to the community five days before we are allowed to reopen. VCS has submitted our CSP and we are hoping to hear about approval next week. Regardless, it is our hope that we are not put in the position of reopening in the purple tier (allowing TK-5 students) and that the county's numbers continue to move us towards the red tier.

We will be hard at work these next few weeks making sure our campus is ready and safe. This includes: creating handwashing stations and sanitation stations, posting signage, modifying classroom setups to guarantee social distancing, developing plans for student arrival and drop-off, creating outdoor learning areas, and much more.

Please make an extra effort to read school and teacher emails. Next week I will be sending out times and dates for parent information meetings and teachers will be communicating about what they need students to have with them when on campus. My commitment to you is that we will continue to pour all of our energy into planning for welcoming back students for in-person instruction. But our success with this next step is dependent on you being up to date on all communications regarding in-person instruction.

Thank you for all you have done to support your children during this difficult time. My hope is that my upcoming meetings will provide adequate information, but if you have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at rlivanoff5@gmail.com or schedule a time to meet.

I can't wait to see the students again!

Rebecca Ivanoff, Director