

SUMMIT REOPEN PLAN PARENT FAQs

- 1. How will Summit handle early checkout for medical appointments and parents who wish to take their student to lunch?**
 - a. Students will be allowed to check in/out for doctor's appointments. The student will need to provide a doctor's note when returning to school.
 - b. At this time, we respectfully request for students not be checked out for lunch unless you are leaving for the day. We will relax this policy request as soon as possible.
 - c. When checking a student in/out, please contact the office at that site for their procedures.

- 2. Will there be a Meet the Teacher event or another opportunity for my student to get to know the building?**
 - a. We will have Meet the Teacher and schedule pick up for all sites on Monday, August 17. Information was emailed to parents in a letter from Mr. Giddens.

- 3. How many students will be in a classroom?**
 - a. At most there will be 20 students in the elementary classes. In the intermediate, there will be at most 21 students in each class. For the high school, there will be no more than 25 students but typically, there are only 15- 20 students in each class.

- 4. How will Summit handle contact tracing?**
 - a. Seating charts will be utilized at the intermediate and high school to allow administration to determine details regarding contact tracing.

- 5. How will lunch work, more specifically, for each grade level?**
 - a. Elementary students will eat lunch, with their cohort, in two locations. Time will be staggered to allow for cleaning.
 - b. Intermediate students will eat lunch, with their cohorts, in the Summit café. Time between groups will allow the room to be cleaned.
 - c. Secondary students will eat lunch in the commons area of the new facility in a single lunch period. Seniors will have a section of their own in another part of the building. Classrooms may be used as overflow to allow for social distancing.

- 6. Will we be notified if a student or staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19?**
 - a. Summit Administration will notify all families if their student is a Level-1 contact to a positive case once the school has been made aware of the positive test. We are unable to provide personal information of any student or staff member with a positive test.

- 7. Is there an option for Distance Learning for students that are at high risk of complications due to Covid-19 or who simply prefer online learning during this season?**
- a. Summit evaluated the idea of a hybrid learning environment, but we didn't see a path to providing both an online and an on-campus environment. It would require additional staff and infrastructure that we do not currently have in place. Other schools may thrive in a hybrid structure, and we applaud that, but we simply don't feel comfortable making that leap right now.
- 8. If BAPS delays their start date or moves to online learning, will Summit follow their lead?**
- a. Summit is not bound by the decisions of BAPS. We will open on time and follow our own plan for reopening.
- 9. What do we do if we strongly disagree with the school's policy on face coverings?**
- a. Face coverings at SCA are non-negotiable. As long as the policy is in place, all students and staff are expected to follow the guidelines adopted by school leadership. Those unwilling to adhere to this policy should consider other options for this school year.
- 10. What will drop-off and pick-up look like?**
- a. Elementary students must be dropped off and picked up in the car line. Temperature checks will be done as the students exit their vehicles. Parents should not plan on walking their children to the door until further notice.
 - b. Intermediate and high school students will have temperature checks at the door before entering the building.
 - c. To drop off or pick up students during the school day, please call the office for specific instructions.
- 11. The reopen plan said after Aug 12th, there will be a 60-day notice to withdraw. What exactly does that mean?**
- a. Anyone who chooses to withdraw from SCA will need to provide us with 60 days' notice. If they decide to leave before the 60 days, they will be billed for that time. In the past, we required an annual contract/commitment from our families. If you left early, you were still billed for the remainder of the year. Under the circumstances, we will only require 60 days to conclude your commitment to SCA.
- 12. If a student withdrew for the semester, would they be allowed to reapply for the second semester?**
- a. If a family withdraws during the school year, they are welcome to re-apply for the 2021-2022 school year. We will not accept students coming in and out of our program during this pandemic.

13. Will there be birthday celebrations or class parties?

- a. Elementary students will still have birthday celebrations and class parties but we regret that parents will not be allowed to attend until further notice. Store bought items may be sent in with the students or coordinated with the teacher. Teachers will be instructed to take photos and send to the parents.

14. If parents aren't allowed inside the building, how will we get medications to the school nurse?

- a. Medications can be brought to Meet the Teachers and dropped off with the nurse. If you cannot attend Meet the Teacher or new medications are prescribed during the year, please schedule an appointment to meet with the school nurse.

15. Will there be a reduction in tuition if Summit moves to full time distance learning?

- a. There is a common misconception that our school's expenses go down if our students are not on campus. That is simply not true. A large percentage of tuition dollars fund our teacher salaries. We have no facility or utility expenses because The Assembly covers that as part of its commitment to SCA's success. The only way we could reduce tuition would be to cut staff. That simply isn't something we are willing to do. A commitment to SCA is a commitment to our staff and the education services we provide, whether on-campus or at home.

16. Please explain "proper disinfecting procedures". Asking for allergies and possible chemical reactions? (Some products require dry time AND rinsing, but rinsing isn't usually done.)

- a. Summit uses Terminator, a one-step disinfectant product. Terminator has been used at schools across the United States and at The Assembly/Summit for several years. It requires 60 seconds of dry time. It can then be wiped down or allowed to air dry. [Learn more here.](#)
- b. In addition, Summit uses a hospital-grade electrostatic sprayer to fog classrooms over the weekends and as needed. Vital OXide, a residential, commercial, and hospital disinfectant is used in these sprayers. Vital OXide has been approved by the EPA for use against SARS-Cov-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. [Learn more here.](#)

17. Will hand washing be offered in lieu of hand sanitizer requirements? (again, allergy and chemical reaction concerns)

- a. Yes, handwashing is our primary option for cleanliness. Students will be encouraged and taught the value of regular hand washing.

18. Will intermediate and high school students still be able to use microwaves to heat food?

- a. Yes.

19. What is the adjusted schedule for time to breathe without masks? If students begin to feel dizzy or lightheaded what is the plan for relief and recovery for these students?

- a. There will be specific times in which students can take their mask off. They will also have lunch time. Students will also be able to step outside the classroom to remove their mask for a few moments.

20. At any time will Covid-19 tests be required to return to school?

- a. If a student leaves our campus with COVID symptoms, we will require a doctor's notice to return to campus. We will let the medical professionals determine if a COVID test is medically necessary.

21. Is there an exception to allow parents in the building on the first day of school?

- a. Kindergarten students will have a late start. These parents will be allowed in the building provided they wear a face covering and stay in designated areas.

22. Will parents be allowed to park and walk their children to the school's front door or are we required to use the drop-off/pick-up lane?

- a. No. Elementary parents should not park and walk their children to the door. Please use the drive through drop off lane.

23. What will Distance Learning look like?

- a. Distance learning will only be provided if a cohort or division is closed.
- b. Students will find their assignments on Canvas. They will interact with classroom teachers via online video service like Zoom or Canvas conferences.
- c. Teachers will be available during live instruction time, and available for one-on-one tutoring by appointment.
- d. Teachers will be required to be online while they cover new class materials. Review materials and information may be provided by way of prerecorded videos.

24. Please remind us of the school's start and end times.

- a. Downtown Campus – elementary and intermediate schools begin at 8:15am
- b. South Campus – high school classes start at 8:30am
- c. Kindergarten's school day ends at 3:00pm
- d. Grades 1-8 end at 3:15pm
- e. High school ends at 3:30pm

25. Do you expect sports to continue this school year?

- a. At the time of this FAQ document, we fully expect to offer secondary and elementary students sports. OSSAA officials and area league officials may determine changes in this plan.