



Dear Sussex Montessori Remote Families,

We will be transitioning during the first week of November to our larger, permanent classrooms. We are so excited! As you may be aware, our Board of Directors voted on Tuesday night (10/20/2020) to invite children back to school for increased in-person learning (with up to 26 children in each classroom), as in the original plans for the school. **Wednesday's will continue to be remote learning for all students.**

Hybrid Format: To ensure a smooth transition as we move into our new classrooms, we will have a two-step process to allow our formally remote children time to adjust to the new routine of coming to the classroom. If you choose to have your child return to in-person learning, they will be assigned a Monday/Tuesday group or a Thursday/Friday group per the schedule below. They will move to four days a week on November 30th. **Please remember... if your child is given a Thursday-Friday schedule.. come to school on November 6th! You will be the FIRST CHILDREN IN THE NEW CLASSROOMS!! Don't miss this special day!**

The following outlines the schedule in November for children attending school **IN-PERSON**:

November 2 nd through 5 th	School is closed for all children (these are moving days)
November 6 th , 12 th , 13 th , 19 th , 20 th	Thursday/Friday hybrid students on campus; all others attend remote
November 9 th , 10 th , 16 th , 17 th	Monday/Tuesday hybrid students on campus; all others attend remote
November 23 rd and 24 th	Parent Conferences – school is closed
November 25 th – 29 th	Thanksgiving Break – school is closed
November 30 th	All Hybrid children return Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (Wednesday remains remote)

Remote Format: If you choose to continue in the FULLY remote format, your schedule and format will continue as in the past. We will do our very best to ensure your child's teacher stays the same, but this will be determined by the number of students that return to hybrid learning and where we need to place our teachers.

The survey is the next step to provide us with the details needed to plan class groupings and transportation for the next phase of the school year. Please review the Sussex Montessori Learning Plan (Updated 10/2020) prior to completing the survey.

<https://sussexmontessoricharter.com/openingplan/>

You will find detailed information about each choice. Please remember that the safest way for your child to get to and from school is for you to drive them. We cannot guarantee bus transportation but have limited spaces available.

Please, complete ONE survey for each Sussex Montessori student in your household. **Your responses are due by the end of the day on Monday, October 26th.** Once we have received your survey, we will update you as to the initial hybrid days your child will attend and any transportation information you need will be provided.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/MjxF8sbnsHNFTuPb8>

For questions about this survey form, please contact Kaneisha Trott-Savage at kaneisha.trott@sussexms.k12.de.us.

Families, please know that in these times, ensuring the safety of our children and teachers is paramount to us. All classrooms will continue to have bathrooms cleaned every two hours, be cleaned, and sanitized every evening, and their new HVAC systems are state of the art. Thank you for continuing to do your part by supporting our mask-wearing policy, keeping us informed about your travel and keeping your children home when they are sick. It is our hope that we can continue in-person learning; your support of these safety measures will help us to accomplish this.

We value your thoughts and wish to honor your thoughtful choice for your child. Thank you for your time and continued support of Sussex Montessori School.

Fondly,

Lisa Coldiron

Head of School