

Hello Vanguard families,

You will find below a list of some protocol changes that are being implemented to keep everyone safe and healthy as we navigate what seems to be our new normal.

DROP OFF/PICK UP TO AND FROM SCHOOL-

-Parents are required to wear a cover-up/mask and keep distance as much as possible when dropping-off/picking-up children from The Vanguard Academy. We will wait until our Governor changes this mandate.

We ask parents to be patient during drop offs and pick ups.

VANGUARD BUILDING-Please try and have the same person drop off and pick up students. Only one parent/guardian drop off person will be allowed back to drop the child(ren) off and pick up child(ren) and parents will remain outside of the classroom during drop off/pick up. Just knock on the classroom door to let the teacher know that you are there. Siblings must remain at the front desk with office staff. Parents will sign students in and out via QR Code on the school lobby counter.

BRAXLYN CAMPUS- students will walk themselves back to class while being supervised by a staff member of the school office. Parents will sign students in and out via QR Code on the school lobby counter.

-Car seats will have to be taken back with person dropping student off. We will be unable to keep them at school.

SICK POLICY/BEING SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL-

When a parent is called due to their child having symptoms of an illness, the expected time for pick up is a maximum ONE HOUR after our call. Children sent home with a fever and/or respiratory symptoms (cough, congestion, runny nose, difficulty breathing, etc.) will not be permitted to return to the school until they are 24 hours symptoms-free and must submit a doctor's note clearing him/her from COVID-19 diagnosis. We will use our best judgement and own discretion determining when we feel like a child is unwell. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**

VACATIONS/QUARANTINE

-We are requiring a 14 day quarantine when returning from out of state vacations to the listed states with 15% or higher cases of COVID within that state.

-Please be advised that if you are choosing to vacation in these spots, quarantine will be required before returning to school. **Tuition will be billed as normal during these weeks of vacation/quarantine as no vacation credits are being issued.**

NO VACATION CREDITS ARE BEING ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

ITEMS FROM HOME-

-No toys or any other unnecessary items from home (we will only accept bag/backpack that will have all the child's belongings – no-loose items i.e. toys, stuffed animals, blankets, jackets) – Label everything brought into the school with first and last name

-Bring all bedding in a bag/backpack. Bedding will be sent home on Friday unless soiled – Label all with first and last name

-bottles for infants- Please make sure caps and bottles are labeled with first and last name, bring only what is needed for the day because no extra can be kept at school. We can no longer allow an extra frozen breastmilk to be kept in the school freezer. Staff will be required to wear gloves for bottle feedings.

-Pacifiers-pacifiers will be sanitized at school after each use and will be sent home daily for sanitizing. Please return a fresh one to school each day.

-Cloth Diapers will NOT be permitted for any child. Disposable diapers will be permitted.

GENERAL CLASSROOM/SCHOOL PRACTICE-

-Faculty will be wearing face masks and that will continue until our Governor lifts those restrictions.

-Classrooms will be disinfected throughout the day (after meals, naptime, end of day) with child-safe disinfectants

The 2020-21 school year taught us a lot! With that being said, while we are no longer under emergency regulations of the state of Ky, we learned that several of the emergency measures taken helped keep us all healthy and safe. So while we did not keep every one of the emergency regulations in place, we did keep the ones that were vital for our health and safety. We do appreciate everyone's cooperation in the above listed measures that we will continue to facilitate here at The Vanguard Academy. We are so excited to start a new school year.