



## WES "Ease My Mind" Top 10 Parent Questions for 2020-2021 school year

### 1. Will masks be required for students to wear at school?

For situations where social distancing is possible, masks will not be required but will be encouraged. If social distancing is not possible, all students as well as employees will be required to wear masks. Some situations which will require masks are when on the school bus, when classes are in the hall at the same time, when social distancing is not possible in the classroom, when multiple students are in the restroom.

### 2. How will Digital Learning be structured this year?

Digital Learning (DL) will be much different this Fall than the format used this past Spring. All students registering for DL, will view a teacher teaching instructional lessons at their specific grade level, content area each day. This teacher may or may not be a teacher from the student's school but will be a teacher from Catoosa County Public Schools who has been identified as an exemplary teacher for that specific grade and subject. The student will also be assigned to a certified teacher who will hold Google Meet sessions each day with the DL students assigned to him/her. This teacher will answer students' questions, work with them in small groups, if needed, and collect, grade, and return assignments to the students. He/She will work collaboratively with other teachers in that grade and content area to make sure students are all receiving the best instruction possible.

3. Is it possible to register and start my student as a Digital Learning student and then change my mind before the end of the nine weeks?

No, in order for a student to participate in DL, primary and elementary students must commit to a nine week grading period.

4. Is it possible to send my student to school and then change my mind and register for DL?

Yes. Students may change from face to face instruction to digital learning at any time. However students may not change from digital learning to face to face until the end of the nine week period.

5. Will there be an Open House prior to the start of this school year?

A drive by "Meet and Greet" will be held on **August 14th** at the following times:

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| 10am to 12noon | Pre-K and Kindergarten                     |
| 12noon to 2pm  | 1st and 2nd Grade                          |
| 2pm to 4pm     | 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade                    |
| 4pm to 6pm     | (Make up time- but teachers not available) |

This will give students, parents, and teachers the opportunity to wave hello, drop off school supplies and pay for fees. Teachers will be located on the side of WES along the sidewalk near the bus loading area. The school nurse will be located under the carport at the bus loading area. This will be where parents need to drop-off medication for students.

**\*\*Supplies should be labeled with the student's name. Parents may take advantage of this time to put funds on the student's lunch account and pay for fees - Checks made out to WES are preferred, but cash can be accepted as long as it is in a sealed envelope with the student's name and teacher's name on the outside (exact amount required). Lunches may also be paid online if you have your student's lunch number**

<https://www.k12paymentcenter.com>

Here is the link to apply for the free and/or reduced breakfast and lunch program <https://www.lunchapplication.com>

**6. When will students participating in Digital Learning receive their Chromebook/iPad?**

Students participating in Digital Learning will need to pick up their device on **August 14th** at Open House. Device pick up will be located under the carport at the bus loading area.

**7. Will WES have an aftercare program this year?**

**Yes.** A Star Care handbook and registration form will be given to those who are interested in aftercare. There is a \$5.00 enrollment fee and the prices are in the handbook. NOTE: Students are eligible to stay in Star Care once a completed registration form is submitted **and** the enrollment fee is paid. The registration form and handbook are also posted on the school website under "Shortcuts."

**8. When will my student be notified of his/her assigned teacher(s)?**

Students will learn who their teacher is at Open House.

**9. What is the policy for parents and/or visitors coming into the building this year?**

Due to the safety concerns relating to the Coronavirus, we are only allowing students and employees to enter our building at this time. This decision is extremely difficult for us because we truly value our parents and want them to be part of our team. However, the safety of our children is our priority.

**10. How will parents check out their students during the day or sign in students who are tardy? Also, how do parents pick up students when they get sick at school?**

Parents will ring the doorbell at the front door and the receptionist will answer. The parent will tell the receptionist what they need, the name of the student, and show their identification in the camera. The receptionist will proceed with calling the student to the office, making note of the time, reason, and person checking out/in the student then walk the student to the front door. This same process will apply to students being sent home by the school nurse.