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Re: Amendment to VDS School Reopening Health and Safety Plan

The VDS Board of Directors amended the mandated School Reopening Plan to reflect a fully virtual program to all students for the first marking period. We are at the point where a decision needs to be made regarding the instructional environment for the near future.

After a review of the current instructional strategies with VDS staff members of the Pandemic Response Team, including instructional and clinical personnel, It is our belief that we can safely deliver quality instruction within a hybrid model combining live and virtual learning. Below are the recommendations to update the reopening plan:

1. All mitigation delineated in the original plan regarding face coverings, social distancing, cleaning schedules, and handwashing will remain in effect as outlined in the Health and Safety Plan.
2. Families will be given the opportunity to remain in a fully virtual environment or participate in a hybrid instructional model.
3. The hybrid model will require that students attend two (2) days per week within the VDS building and receive three (3) days of virtual instruction.
4. All homerooms will be divided into two (2) equal groups - A/B. The A group will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays. The B group will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays. All students will receive virtual instruction on Wednesdays.
5. Virtual students will only attend virtually, within the currently assigned homeroom, Monday through Friday.
6. The school will be deep cleaned on Wednesdays and the weekend.
7. Students will be given the opportunity to change from one modality to another at the five-week mid-point of the marking period.
8. Teachers will make general use of a "centers based" instructional delivery strategy to accommodate the varied environments. Centers should contain (1) a direct instruction area, (2) an electronic practice area, and (3) an independent work area. Students will rotate through each station during each period.
9. Students will keep their currently assigned VDS laptop at home and will use the technology assigned to their homeroom while in the building.



10. Strategies for notification of the community regarding the presence, or potential presence of the virus, will remain unchanged as outlined in the Health and Safety Plan and reflect the directives of the Bucks Co. Dept. of Health.

11. If more than one case is discovered at any given time, VDS will use the following guidance developed by the PDE to determine the need for additional school closures.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period
	1 student/staff	2-4 students/staff	5+ students/staff
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School does not need to close Clean area(s) where case spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school for 3-5 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school for 14 days* Clean entire school Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School does not need to close Clean area(s) where case spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school for 5-7 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school) for 14 days* Clean entire school(s) Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Substantial	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model</u>

*When an entire school is recommended to close, lengths of closure time will vary by level of community transmission and number of cases. This allows public health staff the necessary time to complete case investigations and contact tracing, and to provide schools with other appropriate public health advice like cleaning and disinfecting.



Valley Day School

Phased School Reopening

Health and Safety Plan Summary

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Valley Day School

Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and staff members will receive training on appropriate hygiene and face mask/face shield wearing methods to effectively mitigate the spread of COVID-19.• All students and staff must sanitize hands upon entering the building.• Individuals are encouraged to wash hands whenever possible. Otherwise, the use of touch-free sanitation stations is required throughout the day.• School wide daily: Cleaning company will clean and disinfect with EPA approved disinfectant products.• School wide weekly: Disinfectant fogging of all classrooms, offices and common areas for deep sanitization using EPA approved disinfectant.• Water fountains will be turned off to prevent usage.• At least 3 times a day when students exit each homeroom, desks and computers will be wiped and sanitized. Sanitation stations will be set up near each classroom door with antibacterial materials to be used by all students and teachers each period when the bell rings.• Informational posters will be posted in each classroom above the sanitation stations, hallway, restrooms, vestibule and other high traffic areas.• At the end of each day, teachers must wipe down all desks, doorknobs, classroom materials and high use surfaces.• Classrooms and offices will open windows and/or turn on fans during school day to the greatest extent possible.• After each use of a classroom bathroom, paraprofessionals will spray the bathroom with disinfectant spray.• VDS vans will be disinfected after each use. Only 2 students to a row will be permitted with masks required for all passengers.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</p> <p>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</p> <p>* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</p> <p>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</p> <p>* Handling sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports for recess and physical education classes</p> <p>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unnecessary items such as extra desks and extra bookshelves will be removed to create more space to allow for maximum capacity in each classroom. ● Classroom floors will be marked for forward facing placement of chairs/desks to maintain mandated social distancing requirements. ● The hallway will be monitored to allow one class to transition at a time. Floors will be marked with decals and one-way directional arrows to ensure social distancing during hallway transitions. ● VDS will provide reusable cloth face masks and face shields for students and staff. ● Students in lower school (rooms 16 & 5) will be required to wear face shields and upper school students and staff will be required to wear face masks during the instructional day. ● Facemasks/face shields must be worn by staff and students when working together in 1:1 situations where 6 feet of distance cannot be enforced. ● Face shields are available to staff that require more protection while working with students. ● Students will continue to eat individually packaged lunch and snacks with individually wrapped cutlery and single serve condiments at their desks in their classrooms. Students must wash/sanitize hands before and after eating snacks/lunch. ● All efforts will be made to maintain 6 feet of distance between individuals during in school detention. ● Gym classes will be conducted outdoors as often as possible as permitted by weather conditions. ● No contact sports will be practiced by students. This includes basketball games during recess periods. ● Students will sit two chairs apart (6 feet) during health/gym class. ● No more than 1 class in the gym, playgrounds or any other outdoor areas are allowed at any given time.

<p>Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways</p> <p>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</p> <p>Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students</p> <p>Other social distancing and safety practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rotating recess schedules with specified outdoor locations will be created and strictly enforced. ● Classes must remain together during outdoor activities. Individuals must sanitize hands upon reentering the building. ● Students will not share sports equipment. All sports equipment may be used by 1 student at a time and will be disinfected between uses and at the end of each class. ● Field trips will not be scheduled during the pandemic period. ● No indoor gatherings of groups larger than 25 will not be allowed. All necessary social distancing protocols will be followed during the school day. ● Each student will have their own supplies in an individual container stored in their bins or desks.
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Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</p> <p>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p> <p>* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school</p> <p>Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school- year changes in safety protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VDS will use a higher standard of screening than recommended by the Bucks Co. Department of Health and will screen all individuals entering the building for COVID-19 exposure by taking temperatures and using screening questionnaires. ● Families, with the cooperation of the sending LEA's, will be provided the option to participate in a virtual learning program option. ● If an individual is suspected to be infected they will be isolated in a quarantine room within the clinical suite until transportation has been secured. ● After use, the quarantine room will be locked and will remain unoccupied until fully sanitized. ● Working areas of any staff member or student suspected of infection will be sanitized immediately after the individual is out of the area. ● Bucks Co. Health Department must be contacted immediately if a positive case is confirmed. ● Contact tracing will be conducted by the Bucks Co. Health Department. ● Deep cleaning of the entire school will be conducted by the cleaning company the evening we have a confirmed case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A doctor's note will be required for an individual to return to the building after a fever above 100.4 regardless of illness. ● Medical clearance by a licenced physician or Bucks Co. Health Department will be required for reentry for any student or staff member that has tested positive for COVID19. ● Virtual learning by certified staff will be available for students who are unable to, or uncomfortable returning to class due to illness. ● VDS will use our one-call-now system, email, text and voicemail notifications for updates and programing changes. Notifications will also be posted on our website.
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Other Considerations for Students and Staff

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness</p> <p>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff</p> <p>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students (as appropriate)</p> <p>Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals</p> <p>Strategic deployment of staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VDS will provide reusable cloth face masks and face shields for students and staff. ● Students in lower school (rooms 16 & 5) will be required to wear face shields and upper school students and staff will be required to wear face masks during the instructional day. ● Facemasks/face shields must be worn by staff and students when working together in 1:1 situations where 6 feet of distance cannot be enforced. ● Students who are medically compromised or are concerned about returning to school, will have the opportunity to receive robust instruction via virtual instructional programs using synchronous and asynchronous methods. ● Contingency plans are in place that will address loss of staff due to COVID-19 related absenteeism.

Valley Day School Hybrid Schedule

Time	Monday-A in person	Tuesday-A in person	Wednesday (All Virtual)	Thursday-B in person	Friday-B in person
8:00-8:30	Open Office Hours		Open Office Hours	Open Office Hours	
8:30-8:40	AM Homeroom		Homeroom	AM Homeroom	
8:40-8:50	Community Meeting		Community Meeting	Community Meeting	
8:50-9:35	Reading		Reading	Reading	
9:35--10:15	Math		Math	Math	
10:20-10:50	Specials 16- LIB/C 7- MUSIC 5- PE 6- SHOP/C 14-ART 12- FCS	Specials 16- ART 13-LIB/C 5- MUSIC 7- FCS 14-SHOP/C 12- PE/H	Virtual Specials 9-PE/H 15- Art 5- FCS	Specials 16- LIB/C 7- MUSIC 5- PE 6- SHOP/C 14-ART 12- FCS	Specials 16- ART 13-LIB/C 5- MUSIC 7- FCS 14-SHOP/C 12- PE/H
10:50-11:20	13- MUSIC 6 - PE 7-SHOP/C 15- LIB/C 9- ART 11- FCS	15- PE 11-SHOP/C 7-ART 6- LIB/C 9- FCS 16- MUSIC	11- PE/H 12- ART 16- FCS	13- MUSIC 6 - PE 7-SHOP/C 15- LIB/C 9- ART 11- FCS	15- PE 11-SHOP/C 7-ART 6- LIB/C 9- FCS 16- MUSIC
11:25-12:00	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets
12:05-12:45	Lunch and Self Care				
12:45-1:45	Social Studies, Science and Group **See Group Schedule Below		LS Clubs/HS Clinical (12:45 - 1:15) HS Clubs/LS Clinical (1:15 - 1:45)	Social Studies, Science and Group **See Group Schedule Below	
1:50-2:10	Specials 15- SHOP/C 11- ART 7- LIB/C 13- FCS 9- MUSIC 14- PE	Specials 16- MUSIC 15- FCS 7- PE. 13- ART 9- SHOP/C 14- LIB/C	Scheduled Student Individual Support	Specials 15- SHOP/C 11- ART 7- LIB/C 13- FCS 9- MUSIC 14- PE	Specials 16- MUSIC 15- FCS 7- PE. 13- ART 9- SHOP/C 14- LIB/C
2:10-2:45	16- PE 13- SHOP/C 5- LIB/C 6- ART 14- FCS 12- MUSIC	6- FCS 13- PE 5- ART 15-MUSIC 11- LIB/C 12- SHOP	Individual Assessments for Progress Monitoring and IEP	16- PE 13- SHOP/C 5- LIB/C 6- ART 14- FCS 12- MUSIC	6- FCS 13- PE 5- ART 15-MUSIC 11- LIB/C 12- SHOP
2:50-3:00	PM Homeroom		PM Homeroom	PM Homeroom	

Group Schedule - During Social Studies/Science Block

Time	Monday-A	Tuesday-A	Wednesday (Virtual)	Thursday-B	Friday-B
10:20-10:50			Room 16 - Mrs. Merc		
10:50-11:20			Room 5 - Mrs. Merc		
12:45-1:15	14	15		13	9
1:15-1:45	6	12		11	7