



P.S./I.S. 78Q, THE ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR. SCHOOL

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September 10, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. I am looking forward to a great year! We have been working to ensure a safe return for all students and staff. Students and staff will be practicing social distance compliance and health and safety procedures. We are pleased to share with you the 2020-2021 school year calendar. The calendar is available at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2020-2021-school-year-calendar>. Please complete our new *digital* 'blue emergency card' at <https://forms.gle/bEJPaV1FpuQBYHEi8>. For your convenience, all links are available at www.ps78.com/opening2020. Please complete emergency card information as soon as possible and confirm completion with your child's teacher. The teachers will provide you with their email address. We need to have it prior to your child attending in-person instruction. Please ensure the emergency contact card is complete with current phone numbers and multiple contacts.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information about the first days of school and our school hours this school year. You will be receiving information shortly about your child's class assignment and google classroom information. Each group cohort has been assigned a color. Group A is **BLUE** and Group B is **RED**. Students in Group A will receive a blue card on the first day of in-person learning. Students in Group B will receive a red card on the first day of in-person learning. Students will be required to bring their card on each day of in-person learning. Students will show their card when they arrive to school. If your child arrives on the day they are not scheduled to attend a parent/guardian will receive a call to return to pick up their child.

School Hours for the 2020-2021 school year for students are 8:30 AM-2:00 PM.
The first day of remote instruction begins for all students (blended and fully remote) Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

The first day of in-person learning,

Week 1 Group A (Blue) is Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.

Week 1 Group B (Red) is Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.

Week 1 Group A (Blue) will be in-person: Monday, Sept. 21, Tuesday, Sept. 22 and Thursday, Sept. 24.

Week 1 Group B (Red) will in-person: Wednesday, Sept. 23, and Friday, Sept. 25.

Week 2 students in Group A (Blue) will attend in-person Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Thursday Oct. 1.

Week 2 students in Group B (Red) will attend in-person Wednesday Sept. 30 and Friday Oct. 2.

School is closed on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group D (Remote)				
1	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B
2	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B

Please follow the guidelines below for entry and dismissal.

Entry and Dismissal Procedures:

***Prekindergarten Students Only (ECC Building):**

- Families will line up on 49th Avenue to the left of the entrance (if you are facing the building). Please follow outside signage for your class.
- Information regarding Pre-Kindergarten Orientation schedule will be sent to you shortly.**
- Monday, September 21, 2020: Group A will have an orientation for you and your child at a scheduled time.** More information to follow. You will be required to follow all visitor safety protocols.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2020:** Group A will attend in person learning from 8:40 a.m.-11:10 a.m. All Pre-K students will be dismissed at the 49th Avenue exit.
- Wednesday, September 23, 2020:** Group B will have an orientation for you and your child at a schedule time. More information to follow. You will be required to follow all visitor safety protocols.
- Thursday, September 24, 2020** is the first full day of school for Pre-K students in Group A. School starts at 8:30 a.m. Please accompany your Pre-K child to the arrival door.
- Friday, September 25, 2020** students in Group B will attend in person learning from 8:40-11:10 am. Dismissal is at 11:10 a.m. All Pre-K students will be dismissed at the 49th Avenue Exit.

Please pick up your child at the same exit that you dropped them off at arrival.



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***Kindergarten Students (ECC Building):**

- **Kindergarten students in classes 011, 012, and 013 will enter the building on the 48th Avenue side of the ECC.**
- **Kindergarten Class 014 will enter the building through the front entrance of the building and line up on the left side of the front entrance (if you are facing the front door.) Families please follow the correct signage for your grade that will be placed on the outside of the building.**
- **At dismissal, please meet your child where you brought them for morning drop off. Classes 011, 012, and 013, will be lined up outside of the building on 48th Avenue. Class 014 will be lined up to the left of the front entrance of the front door of the school building.**

***Grade 1 (ECC Building):**

- **Classes 101 and 102 will enter the door on 48th Avenue. Please line up to the left of the door that is labeled for your class.**
- **Classes 103 and 104 will line up to the right of the front door of the school. Please line up and follow the signage for your class.**

***Grades 2-8 (MS Building):**

Arrival:

- **Grades 2-5 will line up at the 46th Avenue door and enter the building through the side door entrance on 46th Avenue. Staff will be there to assist the students.**
- **Grade 6-8 will enter through the front door of the school building on 5th Street.**
- **All students will go directly to their classroom.**

Dismissal:

- **Students in grades 2-5 will dismiss at the 46th Avenue exit.**
- **Students in grades 6-8 will dismiss out through the front door of the building.**

If your child is in Grades 3-8 and you are giving them permission to walk home, we have included a walking permission slip that we are asking you to fill out and return to your classroom teacher. Please remind your child if they are walking home to exit the building and proceed home immediately.

If there is inclement weather during arrival we have a designated space available indoors for students.

We have not received information on NYC DOE School Bus Service at this time.

Breakfast:

Students who eat school breakfast enter the building at their normal arrival time and will be able to get a grab and go breakfast to bring to their classroom.

Lunch:

School lunch will be available to all students. Students will be having breakfast and lunch in their classrooms. Please be sure to see the school nurse and notify the teacher if your child has an allergy.

All students and staff will follow all health and safety precautions.

- **Students and staff are required to wear face coverings.**
- **Physical distancing will be practiced throughout the school.**
- **Schools will be cleaned and disinfected daily with special attention to high-touch areas.**
- **Face coverings, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies will be readily available.**
- **A school-based team is in place to respond to health concerns.**
- **An isolation room is set up in the event a student becomes ill at school. A parent will be notified to pick up their child if they are not feeling well.**
- **Random temperature checks will occur for students using non-touch thermometers.**

We understand these are difficult times and we are doing all we can to ensure the health and safety of your child.

Sincerely,

Louis Pavone
Principal P.S./ I.S. 78Q