



# P.S./I.S. 78Q EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I am looking forward to a great year! We have been working to ensure a safe return for all students and staff. Please see the Homecoming Guide in the link provided ([schools.nyc.gov/homecoming](https://schools.nyc.gov/homecoming)) for Health and Safety guidance and the 2021-2022 school year calendar included in the guide.

We have included a digital blue emergency card that we are asking you to fill out ([www.ps78.com/opening2021](http://www.ps78.com/opening2021)). 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.

**School Hours for the 2021-2022 school year for students are 8:10 AM-2:30 PM.**  
**The first day of instruction begins for all students Monday, September 13, 2021.**

**Please follow the guidelines below for entry and dismissal.**

### **Entry and Dismissal Procedures:**

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

- Families will line up on 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the left of the entrance (if you are facing the building). Please follow outside signage for your class.
- All Pre-K students will be dismissed at the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit.

Your child will be assigned a group and the orientation schedule with your child's assigned group for the first two days of school will be sent to you shortly.

- **Monday, September 13, 2021:**  
**There will be an orientation for Group 1 for you and your child at 8:40am. They will be going home at 9:40am.**  
**There will be an orientation for Group 2 for you and your child at 10:00am. They will be going home at 11:00am.** You will be required to follow all visitor safety protocols to enter the building.
- **Tuesday, September 14, 2021:**  
**Group 1 students will attend in person learning from 8:40 am.-10:40 am.**  
**Group 2 students will attend in person learning from 11:00 am.-1:00 pm.**
- **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** is the first full day of school for Pre-K students. School starts at 8:10 am. All students will be dismissed at 2:20pm. All Pre-K students will be dismissed at the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit.
- **Thursday, September 16, NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, September 17, 2021** is a full day of school for Pre-K students. School starts at 8:10 am. All students will be dismissed at 2:20pm. All Pre-K students will be dismissed at the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit.
- Please accompany your Pre-K child to the arrival door.
- Please pick up your child at the same exit that you dropped them off at arrival.

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

- **All Kindergarten students will enter and be dismissed on the 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue side of the ECC.**
- **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. **All students** will be lined up outside of the building on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



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

- **All First Grade Students** will enter and be dismissed at the front door **please follow the correct signage for your class.**

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

**Arrival:**

- **Grade 2** will line up at the playground at the front entrance and enter through the playground.
- **Grades 3-5** will line up at the 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue door and enter the building through the side door entrance on 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- **Grades 6-8** will enter through the front door of the school building on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **All students** will go directly to their classroom.

**Dismissal:**

- **Students in grade 2** will be dismissed through the playground at the front of the building.
- **Students in grades 3-5** will be dismissed at the 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit.
- **Students in grades 6-8** will be dismissed 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.**

**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 and served in the cafeteria. 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 masks.**
- **Health Screening Questionnaire must be completed before entry into building.**
- **Physical distancing will be practiced throughout the school.**
- **Schools will be cleaned and disinfected daily with special attention to high-touch areas.**
- **Masks, 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.**
- **Air Purifiers are in all classrooms throughout the building.**

**Please review the 2021-22 DOE Homecoming Health and Safety Guide from the Chancellor that is in the link provided above to answer any questions you may have about school opening in more detail.**

**All information regarding PS/IS 78Q and including supply lists can be found on our website [www.ps78.com](http://www.ps78.com).**

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