We are a new to the SASL family and you guys are doing wonderful! I am so impressed

Masks:

· Are masks required all day long in the classroom? What about outside?

Masks are required in the building. If students are outside, whether at recess or PE, we will follow CDC recommendations.

· Is there a mask dress code?

Masks are included in our updated COVID dress code. There are no restrictions to the style/décor/pattern of masks. We recommend fun and positive messages on masks.

· Masks are meant to be used when social distancing is not possible. If the kids are 6 feet apart, they will still have to wear masks ALL day?

Students will not be 6 feet apart within the classroom, therefore we will require masks. Within reason, we will allow for periodic breaks from masks. These will be judgment calls made by teachers, as needed.

· Is there punishment if students play with or lose their mask?

While we are mandating masks, there will be no disciplinary actions taken against students who do not wear their masks. As with other school supplies, teachers will redirect if a mask is being improperly utilized. If a student is not wearing their mask, the student will be asked to put their mask on. If a student comes to school without a mask, a temporary mask will be provided and a note will be sent home to the parents/guardians reminding of our school requirement.

· So, are masks required in the classroom even though desk will be 6 feet apart?

It may not be possible for desks to be placed six feet apart in the classroom. Students will be required to wear masks due to this fact.

· I had heard some schools were not requiring 6-year-old and under to wear masks, will that be the case for SASL?

The face mask is part of our Kindergarten-Fifth Grade school dress code.

Quarantine/Safety Procedures:

· What will the procedure be if a child as a fever? Will the class be quarantined until child is tested?
If there is a suspicion of cases, or known and confirmed cases, we will communicate with the Somerset Board, St. Lucie County School Board, and the Department of Health. The decisions for quarantine and all notifications will be made with the assistance of the aforementioned agencies. We will follow guidelines and directives given at the time.

- If my child has a fever do we need to do a full quarantine, or if the fever is gone is she/he okay to come in after 24 hours?

Follow CDC guidelines, and remain in constant communication with your child’s pediatrician.

- What is the protocol when a student does test positive? Does the class quarantine for two weeks or the whole school? And then what if the following week the same thing happens?

Contract tracing will determine the size of the group to be quarantined. Everything will be monitored and decisions will be made as the issues arise.

- If a child is sick, can they attend school online for the day(s) they are out?

Yes they may attend school by watching it online.

- Will there be temperature checks in the morning?

Yes, teachers will do so in their classrooms. If you would like to donate a touchless thermometer to your child’s teacher, please communicate directly with them.

- If a child goes home symptomatic will the parents of the children exposed to that child be notified?

We will receive directives from the Department of Health and take advised actions.

- How does Option 2 help with minimizing cross-contamination?

Option 2 lowers the number of students within a classroom.

- What is the protocol for if a student or teacher ends up testing positive for Covid?

If there is a suspicion of cases, or known and confirmed cases, we will communicate with the Somerset Board, St. Lucie County School Board, and the Department of Health. The decisions for quarantine and all notifications will be made with the assistance of the aforementioned agencies. We will follow guidelines and directives given at the time.

- Can you go over the protocol for children to come back to school after being sent home if symptomatic?

Follow CDC guidelines, and remain in constant communication with your child’s pediatrician.
What about for bathrooms? How will you make sure kids from multiple classes are not all in there at the same time, cross exposing type thing?

All restrooms will be cleaned on a rotating schedule.

Choosing Options:

- Can we switch at any time?

Parents can choose to go fully virtual at any time. Going from virtual to brick and mortar or combined flexible learning will be a process, potentially resulting in a waiting list.

- Will parents have the choice of which version we want to choose?

Yes, parents have the ability to choose the method by which their child attends school. Please fill out the survey that has been blasted and is also available on the school website.

- Where on the website do we sign up?

When you go to the homepage of the school website the link will be in the alerts pop up. The link is also available under the Parents/Students tab on the school website.

- Please go over the flex schedule again and explain where to make this choice online

If families choose flexible combined learning, students will be in campus two days per week and virtual 3 days per week.

Group 2 will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, they will be online Wednesday-Friday.

Group 3 will be online Monday-Wednesday, they will be in school Thursday and Friday.

In the survey, choose Flexible Combined Learning. If you have a special request, (ex: partnering with another family, or need specific days), please make that know in the comments section.

- Can we go over the 4 options again?

There are currently 3 options for schooling. Parents can choose:

1. Remote Live Instruction: a fully virtual program
2. Brick and Mortar (in school) program (5 days/week)
3. Flexible-Combined Learning (2 days/week in school and 3 days/week virtual)

- When is the deadline for response on the decision for next year’s attendance?

Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM is the last chance to respond for the coming year.

- If we choose FLVS, do we lose our spot for next year?
Yes. The only way to retain your spot is to remain with SASL with one of our three models.

- Are we able to change our model choice later in the school year?

Parents can choose to go fully virtual at any time. Going from virtual to brick and mortar or combined flexible learning will be a process, potentially resulting in a waiting list.

**Brick and Mortar/Flexible Combined Learning**

- Are we able to change our choice after experiencing a few weeks? Like if we choose brick and mortar but it is not what we want can we change to virtual?

Parents can choose to go fully virtual at any time. Going from virtual to brick and mortar or combined flexible learning will be a process, potentially resulting in a waiting list.

- What if brick & mortar students are quarantined due to a student/teacher having symptoms and they then become virtual. What do working parents do?

If a class becomes quarantined, students will need to remain at home.

- What if we need a laptop for a brick & mortar student that becomes virtual due to shutdown/quarantine?

Electronic devices are supplied on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to full-time virtual and flexible combined learning. If brick and mortar students are in need of a laptop for an absence, please communicate your needs to the front office and we will attempt to accommodate your needs.

- Are we being asked to do flex if we can keep them home for school vs sending them in brick and mortar 5 days?

If you are able to keep your students home, it is recommended that you save brick and mortar seats for our working families.

- How big will brick and mortar classes be?

Once we have survey results, we will have a better picture of class sizes.

- How many students per classroom for kindergarten?

Once the registration process is completed, we will have a better picture of class sizes.

- Can you quickly review the schedule for the part brick and mortar, part virtual?

If families choose flexible combined learning, students will be in campus two days per week and virtual 3 days per week.
Group 2 will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, they will be online Wednesday-Friday.

Group 3 will be online Monday-Wednesday, they will be in school Thursday and Friday.

- Will you be able to change your choice to brick and mortar if virtual is not working for your child?

Parents can choose to go fully virtual at any time. Going from virtual to brick and mortar or combined flexible learning will be a process, potentially resulting in a waiting list.

- Will group 2 & 3 students when in school be in the same classroom as Group 1 students?

Yes.

- If we have multiple children will they be on the same flex days?

Yes.

**Virtual:**

- Are we able to change our choice after experiencing a few weeks? Like if we choose brick and mortar but it is not what we want can we change to virtual?

Parents can choose to go fully virtual at any time. Going from virtual to brick and mortar or combined flexible learning will be a process, potentially resulting in a waiting list.

- If/when things get back to normal, will students be able to finish virtual learning through the rest of the school year or will they be required to attend school?

If things return to normal at any time during the year, our school will resume full-time brick and mortar. This decision will follow St. Lucie County, the State of Florida, and the Somerset Board of Directors.

- What if we need a laptop for a brick & mortar student that becomes virtual due to shutdown/quarantine?

Electronic devices are supplied on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to full-time virtual and flexible combined learning. If brick and mortar students are in need of a laptop for an absence, please communicate your needs to the front office and we will attempt to accommodate your needs.

- Can you share the virtual schedule again?

The virtual schedule will be released the week of August 3rd.

- Will the virtual classroom be seeing the real life in-person classroom or will there be a teacher specifically teaching online through zoom on Colegia like we had this spring?
Brick and Mortar, and Flexible-Combined learning students will share teachers. Students who attend full-time virtual will have a separate teacher.

- Can you quickly review the schedule for the part brick and mortar, part virtual?

If families choose flexible combined learning, students will be in campus two days per week and virtual 3 days per week.

Group 2 will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, they will be online Wednesday-Friday.

Group 3 will be online Monday-Wednesday, they will be in school Thursday and Friday.

- Will teachers still provide office hours for virtual?

This will depend on the virtual schedule.

- If I choose virtual and then change to full in school instructional time. Would they get a new teacher?

If your student is in the hybrid model they will keep the same teacher, however if they are fully virtual they will get a new teacher.

- What about Kindergarten, will they be doing virtual classes as well?

Kindergarten choices are the same as 1st-5th grade choices.

- Will the full-time virtual students be learning at a slower pace?

No.

- If we solely do virtual, how many students will the teacher have and what are the hours?

Fully virtual schedule will be forthcoming, once we have completed the registration process.

- Will completely virtual be the same school hours? Will it be flexible?

Fully virtual schedule will be forthcoming, once we have completed the registration process.

- So, I can stay the entire year with virtual?

If at any time, we are mandated to be fully brick and mortar (by district or state), we will do so.

- Are uniforms required when doing virtual?

Yes.

- If a student is virtual, how will they receive the curriculum? Only electronically -OR- books/workbooks?
You will be able to pick up their workbooks/books at school, most will also be available online.

- Will we have a special time to pick up textbooks? My kids learn better from paper rather than screen.

Yes. We will let parents know when they can pick them up.

- Will virtual students receive textbooks?

Yes. We will let parents know when they can pick them up.

- Are the children at the computer from 8am to 3pm? I guess what I am really asking is will there be a screen time break. APA limits screen time because it can affect development. I am worried about children sitting in front of a screen for 7 hours.

There will be breaks throughout the day, just as there are with traditional classrooms.

**Teacher/Open House/Curriculum:**

- Is there anything we can do to further support the teachers and staff other than contributing to their wish lists?

Please work with your students, explain good hygiene, mask etiquette, and social distancing. This is a team effort and the groundwork you lay at home will help to mirror what happens in each classroom. Remain positive when speaking with your student and remember that your mindset directly impacts their own.

- When will we know who our student's teacher is?

Students will learn who their teacher is during the week of August 3rd.

- What time is virtual open house on Aug 5th?

Virtual Open House times will be announced soon!

- I would like to see in person open house in small groups or by appointment, I think being able to see the classroom setups, and meet teachers face to face would help put some people at ease.

As of right now, in-person open house is not feasible. We will maintain our virtual open house.

- What about PE?

Students will have PE, what it looks like is still to be determined.

- I heard that all the subjects will not be taught, will they still have music, art, pe, science etc.?

Students will still receive instruction in electives, as well as core classes.
Will there be testing and grades?

Yes. No matter the model, grades and tests will be administered. The state has not yet released any specifics about state testing.

What day will school open?

August 10th.

What curriculum is SASL using for the 2020-21 school year?

SASL will continue to use Pearson ReadyGen for ELA, Pearson EnVision for Math, Pearson Elevate for 4th and 5th Science, Studies Weekly for Science (K-3), and Studies Weekly for Social Studies.

Will kindergarteners get more help during the first week, so they understand routine and where to go?

Routines will be built into lessons. We understand that routines need to be learned, and that is the norm for the beginning of any school year.

Homework Free:

Homework free school? Does that mean there will not be homework this year?

Yes.

Speech/IEP:

What about speech/IEP? If I choose model 2 or 3?

Regardless of the method of learning, IEP/Speech/ELL accommodations will be adhered to.

Uniforms:

Will they be allowed to use old uniform shirts?

Yes. We are allowing a transitional year where last year’s uniform shirts are allowed.

Has uniforms colors/style changed? Can we use last year’s polos?

Last year’s uniforms can be worn this year, as it is a transitional year. Our new uniform provider is Ibiley Uniforms, and uniforms can be purchased online through their website. Allowable bottom colors are: khaki, black, and grey (a new addition).

Lunch:

What are the lunch times for both brick & mortar and virtual?
A schedule will be provided.

· Where do they eat lunch?

In their classroom, and scheduled outside when weather permits.

· For the lunch program, how does that work? Is there a daily fee and will a menu be sent out?

School lunch costs $2.25, unless your student qualifies for free and reduced lunch. Mrs. Hauser will be working with the cafeteria to provide a menu for students.

Supplies/Volunteer Hours:

· Can we donate bleach for cleaning supplies?

Yes

· Will the Supply kit prices be added as a credit to our hours?

If you purchase the supply kit through the KulaKits, volunteer hours will be awarded.

· How will we achieve volunteer hours?

Volunteer opportunities will be blasted throughout the school year.

Miscellaneous:

· Why is SASL going cashless?

A cashless school is safer and more convenient for all parties involved. It cuts down on contamination possibilities, as we are not passing cash or checks from one hand to another.

· How are we going to help get the wiggles out of the kids if there is no playground? Will there be some physical element incorporated into the classroom?

Students will still have recess and PE.

· No playground? At all?

As of now, the playground is off-limits, but students will still get a chance to participate in recess.

· Will the contact lists be sent to us before the beginning of the school year to view and update?

Emergency contact cards will be made available to families.
Since they cannot use water fountain will they be allowed to keep a water bottle at the desk?

Yes, please send your child to school with a water bottle and explain safe practices (ex: not sharing). We encourage families to send an extra bottle of water with students.

How will the end of the day pick-up work?

We will continue to utilize silent dismissal.

Preschool:

Do you know the VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten Program) numbers for full day VPK?

- 17 students.

Will they also have to have the mask mandate with being so little? (VPK)

- No, PreK and VPK students are not mandated to wear masks.

When is the VPK virtual open house? Will it be a link like the one we used today?

- Open house for the preschool is August 6th, times will be forthcoming.

Will there be a school supply kit for VPK?

- Yes, PTSO is working on it and will release information as soon as it becomes available.

For VPK, are they doing virtual learning or its undecided right now?

- VPK is only brick and mortar currently.

What do VPK parents need to select on the registration?

- VPK parents do not need to complete the registration. All students will be attending brick and mortar.

Aftercare:

Is aftercare going to be available for all grade levels?

- Aftercare is available for K-5 students.

Is there a part time option for aftercare? For example, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday it is needed but not Thursday and Friday?

- Part time option will be available to Flexible Combined Learning students only.