

## Attendance Accommodations Due to COVID-19

August 4, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to get back to school and are looking forward to seeing ALL of our students on August 21<sup>st</sup>. **Our start plan is: kids in seats, school as normal.** We are making and will continue to make necessary provisions for COVID safety. Our teachers are here working; we will be ready for your children.

We have made allowances in attendance expectations to support students who may experience an illness or quarantine during the school year. Our teachers will actively accommodate sick students. When a child is sick, assignments will be scaled back to what students can manage and complete, and the student's emotional well-being will be considered when making decisions about making up assignments. It is possible that a student may be absent for a long period of time. In this circumstance, you can expect teachers to be connecting with them at home through ZOOM, phone calls, online resources, or other methods to provide student-centered interventions. We want our students to feel loved and supported through this challenging time, and it is our desire to serve them in the capacity that is needed for their individual circumstances.

This year particularly, it is VERY important that kids stay home when they are ill. If they are suffering from a headache, fever, or nausea, they need to stay home until they are completely well. This will greatly reduce the spread of illness and help take care of others. We very much appreciate a call from you when your child is sick. We encourage you to make a direct call/connection with the teacher so they can activate whatever accommodations your child may need. When children are well, they are expected to attend school and be present in classrooms.

If children experience illness while they are at school, teachers will send them to the office so that we can call you and arrange for them to be taken home.

To relieve pressure on kids about attendance, we are removing the competition for the attendance award as well as other performance awards for this year.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work together with you, our partner at home, to help our children learn, grow, and be happy. If we unify and support each other, we believe we will have a successful school year.

Again, we look forward to seeing all **Masadians** on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Administrative Team