

Dear Parents, Guardians and HS Students,

Thank you for participating in our Town Hall meetings and sharing your views. We have considered your input, feedback from the faculty, and the rising infection rate on Long Island, particularly the spike after Thanksgiving break. This continues to be a situation that requires constant flexibility. We know that what we decide today might change sooner rather than later.

If health experts prove to be correct, the next couple of months will be some of the most challenging of the pandemic. We have designed our plan so our community may stay as healthy as possible during this time while taking advantage of In-School learning as much as possible.

As of today, plan to re-open the building is as follows:

- January 4 **Parent-Child Classes begin as scheduled outdoors on the School grounds.**
Early Childhood will be on the TDDL schedule.
Grades 1-5 - remote learning using the TDDL schedule.
Grade 6-12 - remote learning using the In-School/Hybrid schedule.
Building is open to all WSGC employees who have followed safety protocols (below).
- January 11 **Early Childhood will begin In-School. Garden Nest Afternoon Care program is closed. Classes are strictly outdoors and a “snow day” is called for inclement weather.**
Grades 1-5 - will continue remote learning using the TDDL schedule.
Grades 6-12 – will continue remote learning using the In-School/Hybrid schedule.
- January 25 Early Childhood continues in the building. **Garden Nest Afternoon Care program resumes.**
Grades 1-5 - return to the building using the In-School/Hybrid schedule.
Grades 6-12 – will continue remotely learning using the In-School/Hybrid schedule.
- February 1 **Grades 6-12 - return to the building using the In-School/Hybrid schedule.**
Grades 9-12 – return to the building on a rotating schedule until further notice.

Parent/Student Commitment

The parents of any student returning to the building must attest that they have followed these safety protocols:

- Fourteen days prior to the return to the School building, the family has not been in touch with anyone outside of their immediate household/pod except for medical care and essential needs. Please note your student’s start date above in order to plan accordingly.
- To support the mental health of all involved, you may extend your household to include a “pod”. A pod may include another In-School learner of the same grade following these same protocols. It does not include anyone else.
- If the family has traveled outside of NYS the student will need to provide proof of two negative test results before returning to the building
- There is no single symptom of Covid-19 and you have answered and acknowledged all questions honestly on the SchoolPass app.

Families in grades 3-12 who are not able to commit to these protocols may join our Hybrid Learning model.

Please know every WSGC employee has committed to the same safety protocols in order to be in the building. In addition, we are working on a model for employees to be tested for Covid-19 every two weeks. We are in the process of considering similar testing protocols for students in grades 6-12.

We believe the necessary sacrifices required by these protocols are necessary to keep our community safe over the next couple of months. We will continue to update and adapt as the situation unfolds. We will be available after December 26th to respond to questions and concerns. At that time, feel free to reach out to us or to your Section Chair.

[Click here for COVID Resource page on our website.](#)

Thank you for your continued flexibility and commitment to The Waldorf School of Garden City.
Happy Holidays!

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