



October 12, 2020

Dear Cherryvale Falcon Family:

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility over the past three weeks as we worked diligently to deliver quality instruction in a virtual capacity. One of the most important aspects of a child's life is education, and Cherryvale Elementary School wants to ensure we provide appropriate, rigorous, and ongoing instruction. We also recognize that face-to-face instruction is vitally important to a student's social and academic growth.

We have continued to monitor our data from DHEC and consult with the South Carolina Department of Education. As a result, **Phase Two** of hybrid instruction, which includes **second grade and third grade**, will begin **Monday, October 26, 2020**. Through the hybrid model, **Group A**, which are students whose last names begin with the **letters A-M**, will receive face-to-face instruction on **Mondays and Thursdays** and virtual instruction on Tuesdays and Fridays. **Group B**, which are students whose last names begin with **letters N-Z**, will receive face-to-face instruction on **Tuesdays and Fridays** and virtual instruction on Mondays and Thursdays. All students will continue to learn asynchronously/independently on Wednesdays in order for schools to provide professional development and deep clean facilities.

If you would like for your child to remain **virtual** for the remainder of the first semester (**September 28 – January 20**), please complete the “**Virtual Learning Request**” form that is on our school's webpage and in each homeroom teacher's Google classroom. After completing the Virtual Learning Request form with signatures, you can email it to your child's homeroom teacher or drop it off here at the school. ***The completion of this form is required for your child to remain virtual.*** We need your feedback as soon as possible in order to complete preparations for our transition to the hybrid learning model.

### **Additional Important Information:**

- **A Days – Last Names Begin with A – M – Face to Face/Synchronous Instruction – Mondays & Thursdays**
- **B Days – Last Names Begin with N – Z – Face to Face/Synchronous Instruction – Tuesdays & Fridays**
- **Instruction now takes place the entire day from 7:30 am – 2:15 pm for both hybrid and virtual students.**
- **The virtual schedule will no longer be utilized.**
- **Students will remain in the same class the entire day for instruction to minimize contact with other students.**
- **Students receiving specialized services may be served in another classroom more conducive to receive those services.**

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- **Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom.**
- **Students participating in the hybrid instruction need to report to the building no later than 7:30 am to avoid being marked tardy. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced for all students to include virtual and hybrid students.**
- **Wednesdays – All students will complete assignments independently/asynchronously. There will be no face to face instruction. No staff or students should report to the building.**
- **Masks are required to be worn in all common areas (foyer, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, etc.) of the school.**
- **Cherryvale Elementary School’s uniform policy will be strictly enforced beginning Monday, November 9 for all students participating in the face to face model of instruction.**

As we reintroduce our students to school, it is most important that we remind our children of the safety guidelines established by the CDC, specifically the importance of staying six feet apart, wearing masks, washing hands, and following school bus and classroom safety protocols. In addition, students should not share supplies, masks, or food.

We will notify our families in a timely manner when Sumter School District begins phase two of our hybrid plan, which reintroduces our second, third, and sixth grade students. A cohort of high school students will also be reintroduced. Phase two is contingent upon the numbers in terms of rate of positivity, as well as other factors such as staffing availability within our schools. Thank you again for your patience and encouragement during this time. Together, we will ensure the success of all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

*Mrs. Pamela D. Rhodes, Principal*

*Mrs. Debra Kealey, Assistant Principal*

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