FAQs for CCLCS Guardians

Hybrid "In Person/At Home" Model							
When is the first day of school?	All students will begin school on <u>Wednesday</u> , <u>September 16th</u> . The school calendar can also be found at the bottom of this document.						
What days will my child be attending "in person" classes?	Guardians will be notified of their child's assigned "in person" days via email as soon as possible. We re hoping to share this information no later than Thursday, August 27th . We greatly appreciate our patience, flexibility and understanding with this matter, as we have many factors to consider when placing your child.						
What will "in person" days look like for my student?	Here is a sample student class schedule when in the building.						
When do "in person" school days begin and end?	Students who arrive by car should be dropped off <u>no earlier than 8:30AM</u> and will report to first period class. Bus riders will be dropped off at the front of the building at 8:35AM and will report to first period class.						
	First period class begins at 8:40AM. Fifth period ends at 2:55PM.						
	Students will be dismissed in the following order: Bus students in 6th by class at 2:55 Bus students in 7th by class at 2:57 Bus students in 8th by class at 2:59						

	 Carpools individually by name from 3PM - 3:05PM Walkers at 3:05PM
What will "at home" days look like for my student?	Here is a sample student schedule when at home.
When do "at home" school days begin and end?	First period for "at home" students will begin at 8:40AM . Attendance will be taken in all classes. Sixth period ends for "at home" students at 2:55PM . Classes will vary in length and demand so that "at home" students are not on their devices all day.
What will the first day of school look like?	Your student's team of teachers is currently planning for the first day of school and beyond! They will be in touch with you to share the expectations for the first day of school (which is Wednesday, September 16th). In the meantime, please have your student complete their summer assignments before the first day of school. Also, please try to purchase all supplies before the first day of school. Should you have any challenges acquiring the materials, feel free to call the office and we can help!
What does "remote Wednesday" look like?	All students will be working remotely on Wednesdays. On this day, students will begin their day with their Advisory group. This is a small group of students (same grade, mixed gender) that will learn and share academic and personal challenges and successes. This is also a time to get to know each other a little bit better, through various activities and icebreakers. Following Advisory time, students will "attend" Seminar. After Seminar, students will have time to take a break from their screens and eat lunch. Finally, teachers will be available during a designated time for office hours and extra help.

Fully Remote Model					
If my student is "full remote", what will their school day look like?	Students who are fully remote will be attending virtual classes with all other fully remote students and their teachers. There will be times for academic support, as well as Advisory, Seminar and EPIC Academy. Here is a sample student schedule for fully remote students.				
If my student is "full remote", when will their school day begin and end?	Just like a typical school day, fully remote students will begin classes at 8:40AM and end their day at 2:55PM. However, there will be a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences, so that students are not on their devices all day.				

Teaching & Learning					
Where can I find the supply list for my student?	Supply lists are posted on the school's website and can also be found here.				
Where can I find the summer assignments for my student?	Summer assignments are posted on the school's website and can also be found here.				
What do I need to do to prepare my student for working virtually?	We recommend that guardians engage their students in a discussion regarding learning environments that work best for them. This could include a quiet location in your home, away from siblings and pets that may serve as a distraction. This area should also be well lit and clear of clutter. Students will want to bring paper and pen/pencil with them, even when working on the computer, so that they can jot down noteworthy comments without leaving their "class" screen. Students should also be sure to charge their devices each night so that they are ready to engage for the full school day. Try a connectivity test before the start of school, making sure the audio and visual features are functioning according to your student's preferences. Finally, students should build in breaks so that				

	they can snack, hydrate and get some movement in their day. <u>Here is an article from the New York Times with some tips for setting up a home learning space.</u>
What if I decide to switch my student's learning model?	Students may decide to change their learning model at any time during the school year. We have designated "hybrid" seats for the entire student body, including those who are currently "fully remote" so that social distancing in each cohort will still be possible. We ask that families contact the school when deciding to switch models and allow for 2-3 days before placement. Similarly, students in the "hybrid" model who decide to go "fully remote" must contact the school.
What will grades look like for hybrid students OR virtual students?	Students will be graded in a typical fashion, which includes categories such as participation, homework and classwork completion, as well as quizzes, tests and projects. Teachers will provide input in the form of rubrics and assignment expectations so that students are aware of how they are being assessed.
Will CCLCS be offering Clubs to either hybrid or remote students?	Before and after school Clubs are not available for students at this time. We are working this portion of our programming into a later phase of the school year, pending DESE guidance and approval.
What is EPIC Academy?	Being EPIC is an integral part of the CCLCS experience. In the past, this has included being Engaged , having Personal Responsibility , having Integrity , and being Considerate . This year, we are taking "being EPIC" a step further through the implementation of EPIC Academy. EPIC Academy will offer students an opportunity to go beyond the classroom learning experience and further investigate the world around them. Here is a brief overview of EPIC Academy.
What is Seminar?	Seminars offer students the experience to learn about a new topic and/or skill, beyond the curriculum frameworks. Students sign up for the Seminars that look most interesting to them and are grouped with kids from all three grade levels. Though Seminars may look a bit different virtually, we are planning and creating experiences that still make them relevant and fun. Check out what Seminars have looked like in the past.

What is Advisory?	Advisory is time for students in the same grade to come together in a small group and share who they are as students and individuals, while also getting to know others both academically and personally. This is also a time to craft long term goals and reflect on learning experiences. Teachers and staff members serve as advisors for the school year, and may also serve as "point people" during state mandated remote schooling. Check out what Advisory has looked like in the past.
What are Office Hours?	Office hours will be on Wednesday afternoons. This is a time for students to check in with teachers and ask any questions or share any concerns they may have.

Health & Safety					
What safety precautions will the school be taking to ensure my student is safe?	All classrooms are being retrofitted to adhere to the social distancing guidelines, provided by DESE. This includes: All desks and tables spaced 6 feet apart All students & teachers in masks (mask breaks will be built into the schedule) Outdoor classrooms throughout the property Daily hygiene protocols for students & staff Handwashing stations throughout the campus				
What will lunch look like for my student when they are in the building?	Students will be assigned a specific location on campus during lunch. This location will have a maximum of 7 students who will be distanced appropriately while maskless. Lunch will be outside whenever possible. Students may bring their own lunch that does NOT require a microwave. We are also a nut free school . Students may order lunch beginning the week of September 28th. All lunches must be ordered online and ahead of time using our <u>EZ School App</u> . Questions regarding lunch can be emailed to <u>Andrea Philbrook</u> .				
What sports opportunities will be	We are hoping to offer soccer practice and scrimmage opportunities to our students in a second phase of our reopening, assuming that things are going well. CCLCS is currently using DESE guidance to determine how best to execute this. A family survey regarding interest in sports will be				

available for my student?	sent electronically to families soon. As we gain a better understanding of how to safely implement sports into the school day, we will update families.					
If my student is "full remote", can they participate in sports?	Unfortunately, students who opt for the fully remote learning plan will not be able to participate in sports.					
What happens if there is a suspected COVID case in the building?	We encourage families to read our <u>"Return to School" plan</u> , which was submitted to DESE earlier this summer. The plan includes a step by step process for responding to COVID scenarios.					
What type of mask does my student need to wear at school?	Students will be masked throughout their school day. There will be mask breaks provided to students while outside and at a safe distance. We ask that students wear masks that cover the mouth, nose and chin. At this time, gaiters and bandanas are not permitted to be used as masks.					

Facilities / Transportation					
How will my student get to and from school on "in person" days?	Students arrive at school by bus, carpool or individual drivers. Guardians interested in registering for the bus should contact Karen Scichilone. Please know that space is extremely limited, due to the safety precautions that must be followed. We plan on running 1 bus/day that can hold 24 students. Cost for the bus will be \$15/day. Guardians who plan to drop off and pick up students should follow the traffic flow arrows in the parking lot. All families who drive will be receiving a laminated sign from the school on which you will need to write your student's name(s). These signs should be hung on rearview mirrors. We will be sending additional information about drop off and pick procedures.				

How can I find other
families near me to set
up a carpool schedule?

We will be sending out a survey to families regarding carpool interest and preferences. Please be on the lookout for this survey in your inbox.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at 774-408-7994. We are here from 9AM - 1PM on Mondays - Thursdays. We would like to thank you for your support and understanding during these challenging times. Please stay safe and be on the lookout for additional communications from the school. Thank you.

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

2020-2021 School Calendar

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Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan	 Holiday Break
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day
Feb.15-19	Winter Break
March 8	Staff In-Service
Apr. 19-23	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day

No School Days

Oct. 9	Columbus Day Weekend			
Nov. 10	Staff in-Service			
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Break			
Jan. 28	2021-22 Lottery Day			
March 23	Staff In-Service			
2020-21 Trimesters				

Term 1 - September 16 - December 4
Term 2 - December 7 - March 19
Term 3 - March 22 - June 22

Notifying Absences: Please call 774-408-7994 or email us at info@cclcs.info before 8:30 a.m. Thank you!

as of August 25, 2020