



**St. Ethelreda
EAGLES**

8734 S. Paulina
Chicago IL 60620

August 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

You voiced your opinions about the Archdiocese Reopening Plan, and I heard you. After meeting with representatives of the Archdiocese and Big Shoulders Fund and presenting the data collected from parent surveys, current covid-19 statistics for our school location, and on-going concerns voiced by both families and our teachers, I have submitted an alternative plan for the re-opening of St. Ethelreda School on September 8, 2020. This plan was devised with the guidance of both the Archdiocese and Big Shoulders Fund.

In-Person Learning for PK

- The teacher and aide will be available on-site to provide daily instruction for preschool students.
- Both our in-person learning and remote learning for Preschool will utilize the same curriculum: Head Start education curriculum supplemented with Starfall, A-Z Learning, and IXL.
- Before and after care will be available for Preschool.

Remote Learning for PK

- Preschool families may opt for remote learning.
- Both our in-person learning and remote learning for Preschool will utilize the same curriculum: Head Start education curriculum supplemented with Starfall, A-Z Learning, and IXL.
- Our Learning Management System for Preschool will be Seesaw.
- Teachers will provide daily remote check-ins and monitor progress.

In Person Learning for K-8

We recognize that some of you have asked for in person learning for various reasons. For the few who requested this, students will be permitted in the building and will follow the same remote learning plan from our school.

- Both our in-person learning and remote learning for K-8 will utilize the same curriculum: the Archdiocese's new comprehensive eSchool 2.0 curriculum for K-8, supplemented with i-Ready, IXL, and A-Z Learning.
- Students will be grouped into cohorts, using empty classrooms, in similar age groups. These cohorts will stay constant through the remote learning period.
- The cohorts will be monitored by St. Ethelreda staff who will ensure that the students are completing all assignments and activities as scheduled in the eSchool 2.0 curriculum.



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- Students will follow the same schedule as their classmates who are at home; teachers will provide daily remote check-ins and monitor progress.

Remote Learning for K-8

- Both our in-person learning and remote learning for K-8 will utilize the same curriculum: the Archdiocese's new comprehensive eSchool 2.0 curriculum for K-8, supplemented with i-Ready, IXL, and A-Z Learning.
- Our Learning Management System will be Seesaw for Kindergarten and Schoology, created by PowerSchool, for 1st to 8th grades.
- Training will be provided for both students and parents before these platforms are launched at the beginning of the school year.

Important Information

- Our remote learning plan will follow the regular daily school schedule with a minimum of five hours of lessons and activities, five days per week, following ISBE guidelines.
- Parents and students will be trained on all learning platforms as the school year begins
- The remote learning plan requires students to have access to the internet at home. If this is an issue for any family, please call Comcast for Internet Essential, a reduced monthly charge that allows internet access only during school hours only (see attached).
- Students will need devices at home (desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and cell phones (least preferable) to log-in to classes and to submit assignments. i-Ready can be accessed on all devices except Android OS.
- There will be a limited number Chromebooks that can be loaned out if students need devices. Students will be able to use these Chromebooks only for school-related functions. Families must sign a contract indicating they accept full responsibility for the Chromebook while in their possession and return it in the same condition in which it was received.
- Additional Re-opening Protocols will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise Spells, Principal