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Q: Will the students who choose fully remote be taught by P.S 166 staff?

A: YES. All P.S. 166Q students will be taught by P.S. 166Q staff.

Q: If my child is doing blended learning and they are sick (not COVID related), can they join the remote group for that day?

A: NO. Remote groups have size constraints as well and we are unable to add students randomly each day. If a child doing blended is sick, they would just be considered absent.

Q: When will we know what doors students will enter and dismiss from?

A: We will get that information out to you as soon as possible.

Q: Will the students be able to watch the pre-recorded lessons at school on the days they attend school?

A: NO. The videos will be the homework for each night and are to be watched at home, before attending school the next day.

Q: Will there be any afterschool programs this year?

A: We are awaiting guidance from the DOE on afterschool programs.

Q: Will there be mandatory COVID testing for staff and/or students before the first day of school?

A: Mandated testing will begin after October 1, 2020. Students and staff will be selected at random and parents will be notified.

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Q: Will students in remote be getting live instruction or just videos?

A: YES, students in remote learning will be getting at least 2 periods of live (synchronous) instruction each day.

Q: In the blended learning (hybrid) model, where do students keep their supplies on the days they are not in school?

A: Classrooms will be set up so that each child has their own desk. They will be able to leave their supplies in school, if they want to.

Q: Will the remote students have the same teacher as the blended learning students.

A: In some cases they may but the difficulty of scheduling did not allow for that to be the case for all students.

Q: How will I know my child's schedule?

A: We will get that information out to you as soon as possible.

Q: Will fully remote students have access to textbooks?

A: We will be scheduling books/supplies pick up before the first day of school.

Q: How will students receive related services?

A: At this time, most related services will be provided remotely.

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Q: What time does school start and end for remote learning?

A: Remote students will not begin before 8:25am and will end no later than 1:35pm. A detailed schedule will be provided before the first day of school.

Q: Will the flipped classroom be used for remote learning too?

A: YES. This will be used throughout our school.

Q: How long will instructional videos be?

A: Each day, teachers will post 3 videos, lasting approximately 10—12 minutes each.

Q: Will Dual Language students have a Spanish speaking teacher all of the time?

A: No. We will do our best to have Spanish speaking facilitators.

Q: Will there be designated mask-free zones or “mask breaks” built into the day?

A: We are working out the details.

Q: If children need devices can they still get them from the DOE?

A: Yes. You can apply here: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>

Q: Will there be sibling pick up?

A: We are still working on a plan for sibling pick up.

Q: Will there be cluster classes such as gym, art, music?

A: Yes.

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Q: If my child starts in blended and then I decide to change to fully remote, will he stay with his teachers and classmates?

A: We will do our best to make that happen, but no guarantees.

Q: Will the cluster classes be graded?

A: Grading policy will be sent out when it's finalized.

Q: When can we switch from fully remote to blended learning?

A: The DOE will announce certain dates when these changes are possible.

Q: How will the ICT classes work? Will there be two teachers?

A: Students with ICT recommendations will receive their instruction from a general ed. and a special ed. teacher.

Q: In addition to watching the videos at home, will there be any additional homework?

A: NO, the homework is only to watch the videos and answer the exit ticket at the end of each video.

Q: What is the protocol if a child feels ill at school?

A: If your child feels sick, a staff member will bring them to the medical room where they will monitor symptoms. Parent will be contacted to pick up child if necessary.

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Q: Do the mask rules apply to Pre-K students as well?

A: Yes. All students are required to wear a mask the entire day.

Q: Will students in fully remote get to interact with their classmates at all?

A: Yes, during live instruction the students will be able to interact.

Q: How many days will kids be in school?

A: Students will be in school 2-3 days a week, depending on the week.

Q: For blended learning, will the students have a different teacher in school and a different teacher for the days that they are remote?

A: Yes, in most cases they will have a different teacher on their remote days.

Q: What is the percentage for kids remote vs blended?

A: We have approximately 50% of students opting for fully remote.

Q: What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

A: Please see the DOE website for the protocols. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

Q: How will students travel to the bathroom?

A: Staff members will be in the hallway monitoring bathroom capacity.

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Q: How can I get my child's report card to know their future class?

A: Please create a NYC My Schools Account at <https://mystudent.nyc/> and if you are unable to do so please email MDiaz105@schools.nyc.gov with your child's info and we will help.

Q: What suggestions do you have regarding school supplies for remote learning?

A: Just the minimum; a couple of notebooks and folder and pencils.

Q: Will there be an orientation for kindergarten?

A: All teachers will hold orientations and meet the teacher sessions starting on 9/16.

Q: How will attendance be taken for remote learning students?

A:

Q: Will it be safe for students to eat in the classroom, especially with the spraying going on the night before?

A: All chemicals that are being used are non-toxic.

Q: What is the teacher to student ratio for online classes?

A: Each class varies, within class size limitations set forth by the UFT contract.

Q: If a child is absent from remote class, do we still need to provide a note?

A: Yes.

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Q: When will we find out our child's teacher and schedule?

A: We will get that information to you as soon as possible.

Q: Air conditioners only recycle the air. Will the windows be open as well?

A: Yes, air conditioners will be on and windows will be open.

Q: Does my child need to wear a blue shirt for blue days?

A: Our suggested school uniform is white shirt and blue pants, or the P.S.166Q T-shirt, but your child's well being is more important than the uniform right now.

Q: Will the students be with the same kids they were with last year?

A: It varies by class.

Q: Will there be means for some kind of movement in the classroom?

A: Yes, we will still have our daily brain breaks where students can get up and move at their desks.

Q: What will happen if my child removes his mask?

A: Students will be told to put their masks back on and parents will be notified so that they can speak to the child. If it continues to be a problem, the child will be moved to remote learning full time.

Q: Will there be bussing?

A: We are still waiting for an announcement with bus information.

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Q: What will happen with fire drills?

A: We will review all protocols with students, staff and families once the school year begins.

Q: What time of the day will the pre-recorded videos be available to watch?

A: Your child's teacher will provide you with a schedule.

Q: Will the remote learning groups be 100 kids, like it was in March-June?

A: No.

Q: I contributed money for my child's cap and gown, when will I be reimbursed?

A: Checks are still being mailed out currently.

Q: I didn't receive any information about my child's schedule or cohort?

A: Please send an email with your child's name to 30Q166@schools.nyc.gov

Q: How many students will be in each classroom?

A: It varies depending on the size of the room and capacity rules.

Q: Will the students be having gym?

A: Yes.

Q: Where will lunch be held?

A: Lunch will be held in the classrooms

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Q: How many nurses does the school have?

A: At least one.

Q: If the remote students are getting less instruction time than the blended students how will they stay on track?

A: All students will receive their instruction through the pre-recorded videos, so that they stay on pace and meet the NYS standards.

Q: What will be the platform for remote learning?

A: Google Classroom.

Q: Will temperatures be taken of the staff members?

A: We will follow all DOE protocols.

Q: If all students are arriving at the same time, how will they enter the building in a socially distanced way?

A: We have multiple doors that will be used for entering and exiting.

Q: What happens to students who return from visiting areas that are hot spots?

A: Families have been notified that that will need to quarantine for 14 days if they traveled to any of these areas.

Q: Will state testing take place this year?

A: We have not heard any decisions about testing yet.

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Q: Is there a way to get the lesson plans ahead of time so that we can know what the students will be learning and what we need to focus our efforts on?

A: The DOE will provide families with Learning Maps.

Q: For blended learning will my child be sitting in a desk that another student sat at the day before?

A: NO. Each child will have their own desk that no one else will sit at.

Q: If a child has a fever and stays home, does he need a negative COVID test in order to return to school?

A: Please see the DOE website for the protocols. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

Q: Can the kids wear face shields instead of/in addition to masks?

A: Face shields can be worn in addition to masks if you like, but masks are mandatory at all times.

Q: If the DOE is providing sanitizing materials why are you requesting \$20 from each family?

A: This is a PTA initiative.

Q: Will there be outdoor recess?

A: We will do our best.