

Veritas Lake Martin

School COVID-19 Plan for School Year 2020/2021



Navigating Education during the Covid-19 Pandemic

The rise of the COVID-19 pandemic has forced life changes. Through the strength and support of our Veritas Lake Martin Community, we are ready to take the challenge of educating our students at the highest level.

Though the world as we know it has been disrupted, the mission of Veritas Lake Martin Christian School remains steadfast. Academic Excellence, Strength of Character and Physical Well-Being are still the pillars that unite our school. We focus on serving the needs of the individual student, in an environment where they can thrive.

We are prepared to begin the 2020/2021 school year with the utmost of safety and health protocols, while still providing our students with Veritas Lake Marin educational programs. The achievement of our students and the well-being for our students, faculty and staff are our primary goals.

Campus Safety and Health Protocol Highlights

With consultation, research and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Alabama Department of Public Health and local officials, the school has put into place a health and safety protocol against the threat of COVID-19 on campus. We will continue to monitor changes in guidance and requirements and adjust accordingly.



- ▶ Only Faculty, staff and students are allowed on the school hall.
- ▶ Everyone will be screened with a temperature check in order to enter school facilities and during the lunch break.
- ▶ Faculty and Staff will be required to wear a face mask when with students when social distancing is not possible.
- ▶ Hand sanitizer have been placed throughout the school. Routine hand-washing will be formally scheduled throughout the day for the youngest students.
- ▶ Classrooms are set-up for social distancing.
- ▶ Lunch will be eaten in the classroom

LEARNING MODELS:

We have established three modes of learning to be used based on directives set forth in response to COVID-19

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ON-CAMPUS

After guidance from federal, state and local public health authorities, VLM has decided that students may physically attend school on campus. All classes will observe social distancing.

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HYBRID

Larger restrictions of group assembly numbers may dictate that some or all grade levels will have a blend of on-campus instruction as well as virtual instruction resulting in fewer students on campus. When required, virtual learning will be both synchronous and asynchronous.

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VIRTUAL

If the State of Alabama, the AL Department of Public Health, Tallapoosa County, or other governing authorities require that the school campus be closed to all students, virtual instruction will happen—both synchronous and asynchronous—using VLM integrated platforms.

Resume School 100% on Campus

VLM's collective desire is to be back 100% on campus this fall. We do, however, want to ensure our students, staff and families are as safe as possible and all risk are minimized. In such, we have taken great strides in our cleaning and disinfection protocols and made investments in areas to support this. In this scenario, students will be back on campus full-time following social distancing protocols including eating lunch in the classroom, recess, and chapel.

Hybrid: On-Campus and Mobile Learning

While it is most desired that all students return to school to attend classes as normal in the fall, if the mandate is for less than 100% occupancy, we are still able to provide an excellent, and engaging live classroom experience for all. We believe live touchpoint with the students are the most valuable, and thus will engage them in this manner each day, either through in-person class instruction onsite or synchronous engagement (i.e.-live class sessions) via mobile learning.

If we must go to the hybrid model, given that we have the resources, we will keep as many students as possible on campus using additional indoor and outdoor spaces for learning opportunities and to provide social distancing.

Students not scheduled to attend class in person can join digitally from any location, yet to best serve our families who need their children to learn onsite each day, supervised alternative learning spaces will be provided on the VLM campus.

K-6th Grade (Hybrid)

These students will remain unchanged with the exception of adjusting locations and class sizes to comply with stricter social distancing regulations. Interactions among the groups will be limited.

7-12 Grade (Hybrid)

Grades 7-12 will have all classes meet on-campus two days per week and will work from home two days per week. On Wednesday's, teachers will be available and students may schedule appointments for a meeting via video conference or in person.

Each class will post a weekly plan with a schedule of assignments to be completed, resources to be used, and relevant upcoming due dates.

Campus Closed — Distance Learning

In this scenario, VLM will operate with a 100% distance learning model consisting of synchronous and asynchronous learning. For returning families, this approach will look much like the 4th quarter of the 2019-20 school year. Yet, as an improvement, teachers will be in classrooms allowing teachers to better instruct and broadcast live, synchronous sessions. Recordings of these class sessions will be available as well.

Hybrid Learning On-Campus:

During the two days per week when students are learning on-campus, students will meet with each of their classes for a 60-minute class period.

Hybrid Learning Off-Campus

During the off-campus school days students can expect to have about 30-60 minutes of class work for each class. Each Wednesday, students can continue to work on assignments for their classes and can arrange to meet with teachers for support.

Hybrid Homework

Homework will be due no earlier than the next class meeting. It will be submitted dependent upon faculty instruction.

All assignments will have detailed instructions and a grading rubric that students can see in advance. These rubrics are meant to be guides for students as they complete their work. While not a simple formula for a good grade, it is a tremendous starting point for student success.