

Return to School Update

In our October 11th letter to families, we announced that our next checkpoint would be Sunday, November 15th, and that reopening campus would not happen prior to November 30th and may take place as late as January.

Our goal is to give our families as much information as we can so that they can make the best decision for their students about their return to campus. We are asking that our families watch the two important videos linked below. The first will give families an overview of what instruction will look like when we return in January using our Level 3: Baseline Schedule. While we may utilize a brief orientation schedule to begin, we wanted to be sure families had details about our Baseline schedule. The second video discusses the way our new health and safety practices will shape the way we return to school.

Action requested: Next Steps

Step 1

Please watch the two videos linked to the Return to School: Fall 20/21 website and familiarize your family with the Return to School Update Overview. Please also know that:

- If you choose for your student(s) to not return in January, they will have another opportunity to return to campus on February 22nd, following President's Week Break, and another after Spring Break in April.
- Students who elect to come back as Cohorts A & B, and those who elect to remain in Distance Learning will remain with their current teacher and current classmates.

Step 2

Please complete [this survey](#) to inform our school if your student(s) will return to campus in January. We are asking all families to complete this survey by Monday, November 16th.

Return to School Wrap-up

Families, we know this is a lot of information to process, and that it will lead to even more questions. Please know that this is only a starting point. We are committed to starting school safely and in a place that is manageable for our

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students, families, and staff. However, we promise to continually gather feedback and innovate, just as we have done throughout Distance Learning. The Westlake Team will spend the next two weeks creating details that will be published in an updated version of our Return to Schools Handbook on November 15th. This version of the handbook will include information such as exact starting dates in January, protocols for arrival and dismissal, as well as details regarding safety protocols and procedures. If you have any questions that you would like answered in the handbook or added to the Frequently Asked Questions page, please use [this form](#).