

ASSUMPTION CHURCH GREEK SCHOOL GUIDELINES 2020-2021

Please see below the guidelines we will be following for the safety of our Greek School students, parents, and teachers, which are in compliance with the NH state guidelines for school reopening:

1. The first day of classes will be on Wednesday, September 30th for grades 5-6 and on Thursday, October 1st for grades 1-4. Registration will open on September 1st. All four registration forms will be available on our Greek School website at <http://greekschool.assumptionnh.org/registration/>. **Please do NOT print them before September 1st, as we need to update the forms for this upcoming academic year.** Please fill, sign, and date them, then mail them to our church along with a check for the book fee or drop everything off at our church office (111 Island Pond Rd, Manchester, NH 03109) Monday-Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. If there is no one in the office or if you go after hours, please leave the envelope in the church mailbox. Please register your child/children by September 15th to allow for timely book order and delivery.
2. All parents will be required to sign a COVID-19 waiver when registering their child/children, along with the rest of the registration forms.
3. Regretfully, we will not be able to offer dance classes until further notice due to social distancing restrictions.
4. Unfortunately, we will also not be able to plan for any Greek School events/celebrations until further notice.
5. Mrs. Alexandra will keep her classroom upstairs, as she will have the larger classes this year. Mrs. Ranya will move downstairs.
6. We will spread classes out, 15 minutes apart, as we will need extra time to dismiss students and disinfect classrooms in between classes. Grades 1-4 will stay on Thursdays with a slight time change: Grades 1-2: 4:00-5:30 pm; Grades 3-4: 5:45-7:15 pm. As several schools are planning on staggered pick up times, we wanted to give families enough time to get their children to Greek School, so we will be starting half an hour later than we have been until now. Grades 5 and 6 will be on Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm.
7. There will be no indoor or outdoor recess. Students will still take a short break to have a snack or a drink, but in their respective classrooms.
8. Each student will have to bring their own snacks and drinks from home. Students will not be allowed to use the water bubblers in the school building. We would like to ask you to please not send any snacks/treats to share until further notice. That includes, but is not limited to, birthdays and holidays.

9. We will dismiss our own students to the parents outside the school building. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building unless there is an emergency. Please drop off and pick up your child/children outside the school building. Mrs. Ranya's students will enter and exit the school building through the front door (the one we have always used). Mrs. Alexandra's students will use the side door.
10. Students will not enter the school building until the previous class has been dismissed. Parents should stay with their child/children in their cars or outside the school building until their teacher calls them in. Each student's temperature will be checked before entering the school building, so please don't leave until you see your child walk inside.
11. Each student will have an assigned seat for the entire school year to prevent cross-contamination. We will take pictures of all class layouts and have them on display to remind each student where they should sit.
12. Each student will be required to bring their own school supplies from home (pencils, erasers, etc.) to prevent cross-contamination. School supplies will not be shared among students. Please make sure your child/children has/have their books, notebook, and school supplies with them each week.
13. Students will not be required to wear a mask (unless they choose to do so) since physical distance in each classroom can be maintained. Masks make speech and communication very difficult and would be counterproductive. Pronunciation is key in the Greek language, so speech must be clear. The state of NH mandates that cloth face coverings should be worn if students are closer than 3 feet apart. Our plan is to have students 6 feet apart. However, they will be required to wear a mask when entering and leaving the school building, and when they need a bathroom break.

By following all the above steps, we will be able to safely open our Greek School. We know that this year will be different from previous years, but we are dedicated to keeping our students and teachers safe, while also continuing to offer a high-quality education of the Greek language.

We would like to ask all parents to please keep your child/children home if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well. Also, please notify Mrs. Alexandra if your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school and teachers safe! We wish all our students a great school year!