

A photograph of two young boys in school uniforms. The boy in the foreground is wearing a blue polo shirt with a white 'G' logo on the chest. He is looking intently at a green plant with large leaves. Another boy in a white shirt is partially visible behind him, also looking at the plant. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom setting.

# Gulliver Prep

## **REOPENING PLAN 2020-21**

Updated as of July 10, 2020



# REOPENING PLAN

Protecting the health, safety, and well-being of every member of the Gulliver community is our highest priority. Gulliver's mission focuses on creating an academic community and providing a personal touch, and these are best accomplished with in-person, on-campus, face-to-face instruction and interaction. While the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease caused by the virus will impact our on-campus instruction and normal activities throughout the 2020-21 school year, we will not be deterred and refuse to surrender hopelessly to the challenges posed by the virus. Guided by medical experts and others, we will aggressively seek solutions which allow as normal of an on-campus experience for the 2020-21 school year as is safely possible.

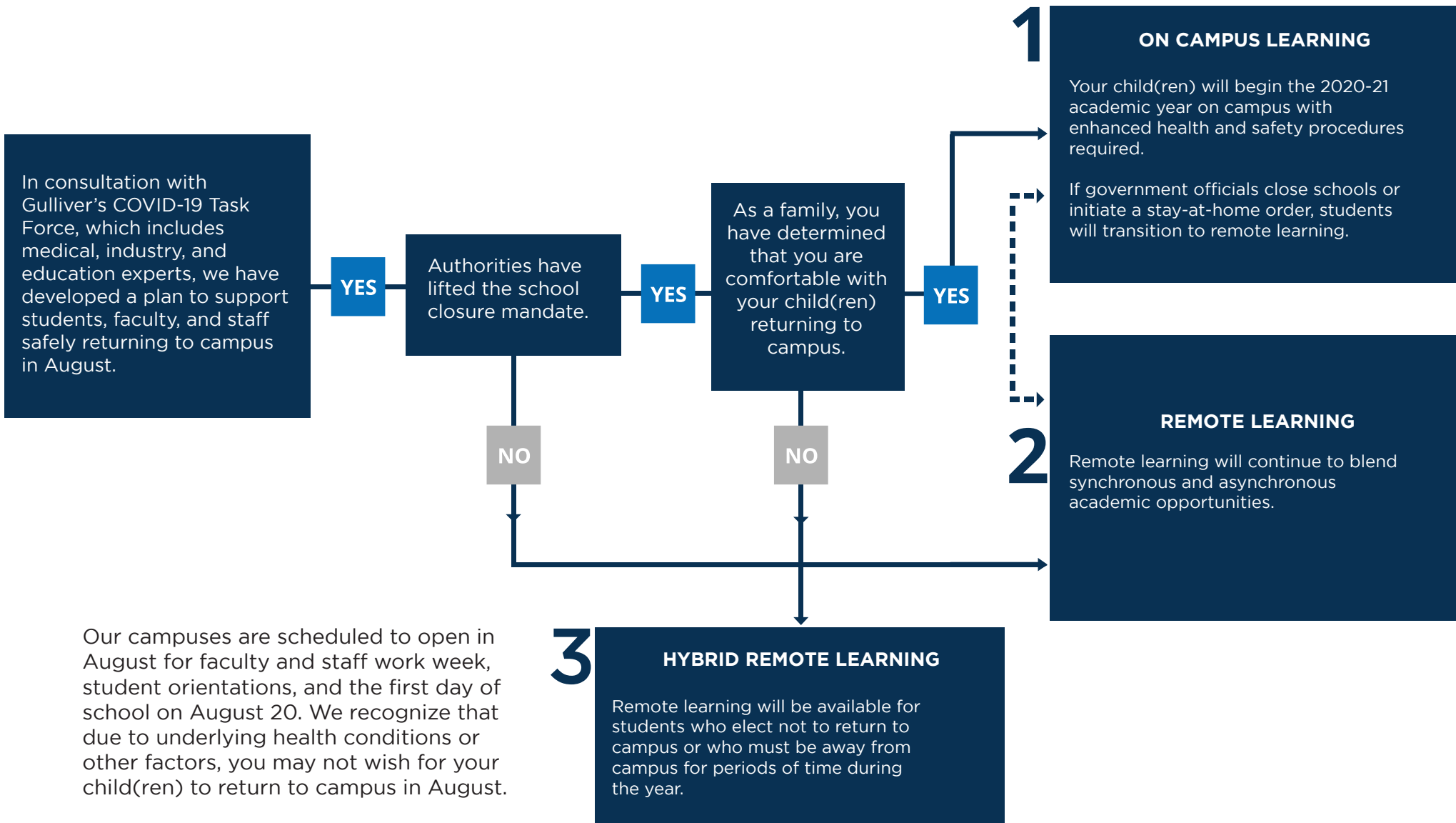
Gulliver is responding to these uncertain times with an emphasis on flexibility, mindfulness, and understanding while prioritizing an extraordinary academic experience. We want to ensure all students feel safe and engaged in our unparalleled community.

Please note that current guidelines are subject to change and will be updated as follows:

- June 5** Initial reopening plan announced
- July 10** Reopening plan update
- August** Back to School details



# THE PROCESS



# ENHANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR EVERY CLASSROOM

Gulliver has invested \$1.7 million in technology and upgraded classrooms to ensure that students have equal access to the curriculum whether they attend class remotely or onsite.

The exclusive interactive technology suite including SMART Board 6000s, SMART Learning Suite, and all-in-one conference cameras will provide:

- A bridge between the physical and remote learning environment
- Cloud-based online software to support interactive lesson delivery and collaborative workspace
- State-of-the-art video technology to enhance the instructional experience regardless of location
- Student access from any web-enabled computer, tablet, or phone





# NEW SCHOOLWIDE PROCEDURES

**IN ORDER TO REDUCE GROUP SIZES AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS EACH STUDENT HAS ON CAMPUS, WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING:**

## Reduce Group Sizes

- Students will eat lunch in classrooms or pre-determined outdoor spaces.
- Eliminate use of lockers and lockers rooms.
- Eliminate field trips.
- Eliminate shared class supplies and materials, equipment, and classroom book sets.
- Implement one-way walkthrough routes on all campuses.
- Limit the number of students in restrooms at one time.
- Utilize various entrances and exits throughout each campus.

## Reduce Contacts

- Maintain six feet of social distance in classrooms and throughout campus.
- Physical education will be modified according to national and regional standards.
- Faculty to travel to classrooms where possible.
- No third party enrichment programs/vendors.
- No parents or visitors on campus (by appointment only if necessary).



# NEW SCHOOLWIDE PROCEDURES

## Health Check

- We will utilize a mobile app and adopt a **mandatory** process whereby parents will register their child(ren)'s temperature(s) and answer symptom-related questions on a daily basis prior to arrival on campus. Faculty and staff members will also be required to follow this process.
- Responses to these questions will be shared with our staff in real time in order for us to identify who has been cleared to enter our campuses. Students, faculty, and staff will not be allowed on campus if they are not cleared.
- Gulliver will conduct daily random sampling to ensure adherence to this policy.

## Illness Throughout the Day

- Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will be brought to an isolation room where parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately. Students will be supervised at all times.
- Isolation rooms have been identified on each campus.
- We are developing a COVID-19 Emergency Operations Policy that specifies our procedures for COVID-19 contact or exposure.

# LIFE ON CAMPUS

UPDATED AS CDC RECOMMENDATIONS EVOLVE



Health screening protocols for students, faculty, and staff before entering buildings.



No parents or visitors will be permitted on campus (by appointment only if necessary).



Students can select from a range of pre-assembled, ready-to-serve lunches. Menus will be online for parents and students to see in advance.



The use of face coverings (mask or shield) as required by health authorities.



Staggered schedule for drop-off and pick-up.



Athletic offerings will be determined based on FHSAA recommendations. (To be updated on July 13).



Enhanced sanitizing and cleaning processes.



Outdoor space will be utilized to its full potential.



Any student or employee returning to Miami from a destination under a CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice or under travel restrictions by state or local authorities, or whose household member has returned from such a destination, will be required to stay home for 14 days prior to returning to campus. This includes trips taken during Thanksgiving Recess and Winter Recess. Out of an abundance of caution, we also request that all students and employees return to Miami for at least 10 days before they return to campus for orientation or the first day of school.

\*Note that the CDC currently requires all international travelers to self-isolate for 14 days and the State of Florida requires all travelers from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Louisiana to self-isolate for 14 days.



# **SCHOOL DIVISION SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

## Primary School (PK-SK): Campus Life

- Students will be relocated to our Montgomery Campus. Not only will this allow for daily in-person instruction for all students PK-8, but it enables our youngest learners to enjoy their own, isolated campus best positioning them for learning uninterrupted by closures.
- Students will remain in their classroom with their teacher and assistant teacher. As maintaining a distance of six feet is challenging for young children, students will work in "pods" or small groups.
- Special subjects teachers (music, library, science, Spanish, physical education, etc.) will travel between classes.
- Washable bucket hats with detachable face protectors will be provided. These hats will be worn in place of masks.
- The Montgomery Campus has a very large outdoor space that we plan to use throughout the day for students to have playtime as well as learning center opportunities.
- A Gulliver administrator will be on campus each day, as well as a full-time nurse, and a member of Gulliver's maintenance team. Maintenance will engage in cleaning procedures throughout the day.
- A member of Gulliver's security team and a Bet Shira armed guard will also be on campus each day.
- We will have after care and enrichment activities for Primary School students at the Montgomery Campus every day.



## Primary School (PK-SK): Lunch

- Lunch will be served on campus and students will eat lunch in their classrooms, as they have in the past.
- Students are welcome to bring snacks or lunch from home, as well as reusable water bottles.
- There will be designated classroom spaces for food to be prepared in two locations so teachers will have meals and snacks readily accessible for their students.
- Menus will be located online or via an app for easy selection.





## Lower School (Grades 1-4): Campus Life

- There will be a cohort system in place where our students will remain together throughout the day.
- Students will remain in their classroom with their teacher.
- To minimize cross contamination, special area teachers (music, art, Spanish, physical education, etc.) will travel to homeroom classrooms instead of having students travel between classroom spaces.

## Lower School (Grades 1-4): Lunch

- Lunch and break times will be modified to reduce cross-group contact.
- Lunch will be served in both the Dining Hall and in strategically placed lunch stations throughout campus, where students will choose their meals.
- Meals will be packaged and provided via disposable packaging.
- Students will eat in classrooms or pre-determined outdoor spaces.
- Students are welcome to bring snacks or lunch from home, as well as reusable water bottles.



## Middle School (All Grades 5-8): Campus Life

- To reduce the frequency of class changes, we will continue to follow the block schedule implemented during remote learning utilizing A and B days.
- More time will be added to class change times to ensure students follow social distancing.
- Some classes will be held in modular classrooms on campus to ensure proper social distancing and allow all Middle School students to continue daily in-person instruction.
- All open spaces such as the library, Dining Hall, and offices will be utilized as classrooms.
- Clubs and advisory classes will meet weekly throughout the day.



## **Middle School (Grades 5-8 Montgomery Students): Campus Life**

- Students will be relocated to our PK-8 Campus full-time where they will begin and end their day.
- Students will still benefit from smaller class sizes and continue to participate in their small onsite cohorts facilitated by Montgomery Campus teachers.

## **Middle School (All Grades 5-8): Lunch**

- Lunch and break times will be modified to reduce congregation and group size.
- Middle School lunch stations will be strategically placed throughout campus where students will choose their meals.
- All meals will be provided via disposable packaging.
- Students will eat in their classrooms or pre-determined outdoor spaces.





## Upper School (All Grades 9-12): Campus Life

- The Upper School will continue utilizing its block schedule with an A and B day rotation schedule.
- In order to ensure proper social distancing and enable daily in-person instruction for all Upper School students, some classes will be held in open spaces such as our library, Dining Hall, gym, and office spaces.
- Crossbridge Church will be used for all music classes.
- **Student Parking:** We will continue to use our parking buddies system for juniors and seniors. More information and registration details will be provided in the coming weeks.

## Upper School (All Grades 9-12): Lunch

- Lunch and break times will be modified to reduce congregation and group size.
- Seniors will not be able to leave campus for lunch.
- Lunch will be served in both the Dining Hall and Shah Family Library Media Center (Student Union).
- Students will walk to the lunch station to choose their meals.
- All meals will use disposable packaging.
- Students will eat in classrooms or pre-determined outdoor spaces.



## Upper School (Grades 9-12 Miller Students): Campus Life

- Students enrolled in four (4) classes at the Miller Campus will:
  - Spend all of A Day on the Miller Campus for periods 1-4
  - Spend all of B Day on the Upper School Campus for periods 5-8.
- Students enrolled in five (5) classes at the Miller Campus will:
  - Spend all of A Day on the Miller Campus for periods 1-4.
  - Start B Day on the Miller Campus for periods 5-6 before transitioning to the Upper School Campus for periods 7-8.
- Students enrolled in less than three (3) classes at the Miller Campus will:
  - Spend all of A Day at the Upper School Campus for periods 1-4.
  - Start B Day on the Miller Campus for periods 5-6 before transitioning to the Upper School Campus for periods 7-8.
- Transportation will continue to be provided to and from the Upper School Campus in the morning and during transitions, as well as to the Upper School Campus after school on A Days.
- All juniors and seniors who are registered drivers will be permitted to drive their cars and park at the Miller Campus on **A Days, only**. Please note that parking buddies will be required to have a parking spot at the Upper School Campus on B Day.

## Upper School (Grades 9-12 Miller Students): Lunch

- **A Days:** Lunch will be served at the Miller Campus.
- **B Days:** Lunch will be served at the Upper School Campus.



## Overflow Rooms for Grades 4-12

As we adhere to current guidance of maintaining six-feet of distance between students in each classroom, we recognize that some classes, based on section size and classroom size, cannot be accommodated in a single classroom. To allow all students to learn on campus every day, we will utilize Overflow Rooms.

- Use of Overflow Rooms allows daily attendance by all students and prevents us from imposing an alternating attendance schedule for students.
- Students in these classes will participate from an Overflow Room via Zoom, allowing them to take part in class in real time.
- A rotational schedule will be utilized in classrooms that are over capacity to ensure each individual student's assignment to an Overflow Room is minimal.
- Overflow Rooms will be supervised at all times.
- Headphones and microphones will be required to reduce ambient noise.
- **Overflow Rooms will impact neither the Primary School division nor Grades 1-3.**



## After Care and Enrichment

- After care will be provided.
- Enrichment programs will be offered by our faculty for PK-8 students. There will be no outside vendors.

## Sanitization

- Frequently touched areas such as doorknobs, desks, etc., will be wiped clean by faculty and staff throughout the day.
- Daily cleaning will occur each evening, as well as frequent fogging or deep cleaning.
- Wash basins have been added throughout each campus.
- Hand sanitizing stations have been strategically placed throughout each campus.

## Activities

- Any activities requiring a large group gathering, or during which participants are not able to properly practice social distancing, will be conducted via Zoom where possible.

# ATHLETICS

Gulliver Athletics plans to restart voluntary Summer workouts on July 15. The Athletic Department is working in collaboration with athletic departments throughout South Florida, the FHSAA, and the National Federation of State High School Associations, and is following local, state, and federal guidelines to develop a comprehensive approach to maximize health and safety while engaging in sport activities. These guidelines may change based on current trends, data, and needs. Additionally, the Athletic Department is actively collaborating with other independent schools to determine a return to play start date for fall sports.

## START DATE

As soon as we have more information, we will be sure to inform our families about the start dates for Fall sports, including Youth Sports and Elite Teams.



# PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS

Gulliver is preparing for possible periods of interruption to on-campus learning. Governmental authorities, public health officials, and our COVID-19 Task Force may recommend or require an interruption of physical operations. Should this occur, we will transition to remote learning immediately.



We recognize the needs of young children include the requirement of supervision and care in addition to their learning. In the event campus operations must be modified, we will prioritize continuing to offer on-campus instruction for our youngest students, if possible.



# DIGITAL PLATFORMS



myGulliver (Veracross) is our school's student information system and online learning portal. Parents and students can access grades, calendars, announcements, course content, and more. Our ETIS team has helped teachers enhance and streamline their teacher pages for easy access to information.



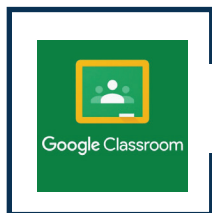
For students in Primary and Lower School, Seesaw is the platform for parent engagement and communication, student growth and progress, and uploading students documentation of their work (pictures and videos).



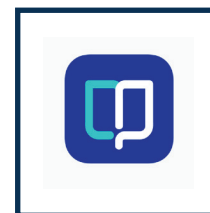
GSuite for Education is our school's communication and collaboration tools for learning anywhere, anytime, and on any device.



Zoom is a video communications platform that is used schoolwide to provide a LIVE (synchronous) learning environment, and increase student participation and learning retention in virtual and hybrid classroom scenarios.



Google Classroom is commonly used by students starting in Lower School through Upper School. Teachers leverage Google Classroom to create classes, distribute assignments, assess, and provide feedback on student work.



For students and teachers in grades 5-12, we are moving from print books to digital to facilitate our educational plans, give maximum flexibility, and save costs for families. TextbookHub is the school's new online instructional materials platform. It empowers students to access instructional materials from any device and enables teachers to create engaging experiences within the digital resources.



Gulliver developed a partnership with SMART Technologies over 15 years ago, which offers teachers and students an online learning suite with interactive lesson delivery, collaborative workspaces, game-based activities, formative assessments, and more.



# ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our community's health and safety is of the utmost importance and we want to encourage you to contact our team if you have any questions or concerns about how we are serving your family. Gulliver's administration is here to provide learning continuity for your child(ren), and to provide a strong and safe community for your entire family.

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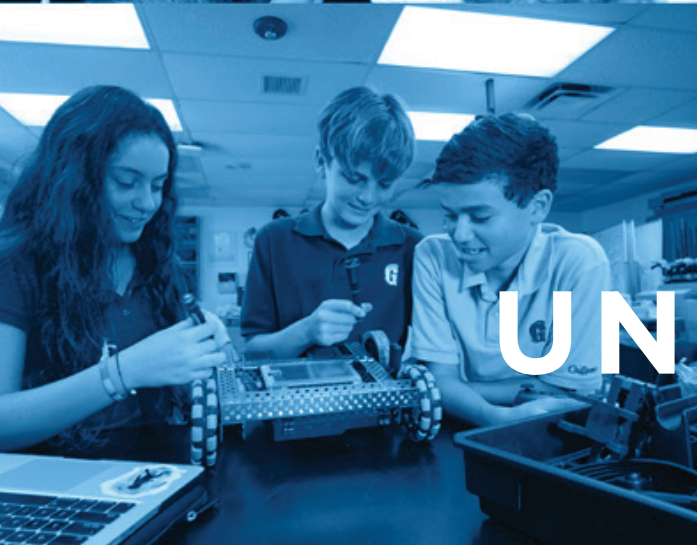
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