

# Hooksett Memorial School

## Transition to Remote Learning Letter for Families



Friday, November 13, 2020

Dear Hooksett Memorial School School Parents/Guardians,

On this past Monday evening, the Hooksett School Board voted in favor of shifting all in-person and remote learning students to a full remote learning model from **November 30, 2020 to January 15, 2021**. In-person learning is expected to resume on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. As a result, HMS will provide instruction and ensure that students are meeting learning objectives through remote learning. The staff will use district-provided resources and tools to deliver core instruction and connect with students daily. The school will also provide social-emotional support and resources for students and staff through the school counseling program. Nutrition Services will also be offering curbside pick-up for breakfast and lunch options.

Students will participate in scheduled remote learning lessons and activities from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Remote learning will include a combination of live Zoom instruction and independent assignments and practice. Lessons will be a minimum of 30-minutes. Parents can expect that their elementary students will spend 3-4 hours daily engaging in live instruction, completing assignments, and viewing materials. There will be breaks for students in between each scheduled lesson. Check-ins with students may occur at other times during the school day. Also, teachers will be available each day at 8:30-9:00AM and 3:00-3:30PM to answer questions or provide additional support via Zoom (Zoom links in Schoology). If you need support, please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment. Your child's teacher will be sharing the daily schedule through Schoology by **Wednesday, November 18, 2020**. Schoology parent account information will be sent to you by Friday, November 20, 2020.

Parents play an important role in supporting their child's remote learning experience. Here are some helpful tips:

- It will be important for you to review your child's schedules and expectations with him/her. The daily schedule will be shared in your child's Schoology account, on the 'Attendance' tile.
- Check your Schoology account for assignments, due dates, and schedules/events.
- Grading procedures and report cards will mirror the in-person learning model.
- School communication will be delivered through Schoology and/or email.
- Students work best in a designated workspace free of distractions, so try to find a spot that best supports your child. Headphones are a great tool to minimize distractions and reduce background noise.
- Please be respectful and do not take screenshots, videos, or recordings while your child is video-conferencing.
- Video-conferencing links need to be kept private. Please do not share or distribute the links to anyone.
- It is important to allow your child to respond to questions/problems on assignments and tests on their own. That way the teacher can accurately assess your child's learning.
- If your child is unable to attend live lessons, they may access the Zoom recording of the lessons and complete and submit their work to the teacher by 8:00PM to receive credit

for the day. If your child needs additional time he or she can submit their completed work by 8:00AM on the following day. If your child does not complete the day's assignments, he or she will be marked as absent. Please contact your child's teacher if they are unable to attend remote learning that day.

- If you have technology issues with the devices or software, please submit a request for support through our helpdesk at: <https://forms.gle/oeP7nd2dZ3asoE7YA>.

Food Service will be offering meals via Curbside Pick-up. These meals must be preordered the day prior by 12:00PM (noon). To pre-order, please contact Tiffany McRight, [tmcright@sau15.net](mailto:tmcright@sau15.net), or **(603) 485-9890 x1067**, between 7:00AM-1:00PM. Include in your email the name(s) and grade(s) of your student(s) in the email. If you have more than one student, and they attend different schools, you may order all meals from one location for pick-up. Please refer to the [menu](#) that is posted on our website for daily meal options.

The HMS Food Service pick-up will be at the door on the right side of building. Please stay on the road and do not pull up into the small parking area near dumpster. Please remain in your vehicle. You may call the number above to let the kitchen know you are there. If you do not have access to call, someone will be right out to help you. Please note: In the event that the pick-up location is changed, you will be notified by email from Food Service.

The USDA has provided waivers for the National School Lunch (NSLP) and Breakfast Program (NSBP) which allows all students to eat a Complete Breakfast and Lunch for free. Hooksett School District has been approved for these waivers and is offering these free meals to all students in the Hooksett School District. These waivers have extended to the end of the school year or until the USDA has run out of funds. Snacks, waters and a la carte entrees are not covered under this program.

I have also attached a list of remote learning recommendations for students, click [here](#). We understand that this change may have created some challenges for you and your family and we truly appreciate your flexibility. If you have any questions with regard to remote learning, please contact the school at (603) 485-9890.

Sincerely,



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