

HARDIN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL REOPENING INFORMATION



We are excited to welcome students back to HVMS!

Please find a summary of some changes we have made as part of our reopening plan.

Go Hawks!



In-Person Option
Fall 2020



Temperature Checks



Car Riders:

- The car rider area will have 6 stations with a masked adult and a touchless thermometer at each station.
- Students will step outside their car, but will be temperature checked and cleared before closing the car door.
- If the student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, their temperature will be rechecked by a different staff member.
- If both readings register 100.4 or higher, students are to get back into the car and leave the campus.

Bus Riders:

- When students exit the bus at the side entrance, they will wait in distanced sections on the sidewalk for temperature checks
- Students will be taken to a quarantine room if they have a temperature of 100.4 or above on two separate checks. A parent or guardian will be contacted & required to immediately pick them up.

Walkers:

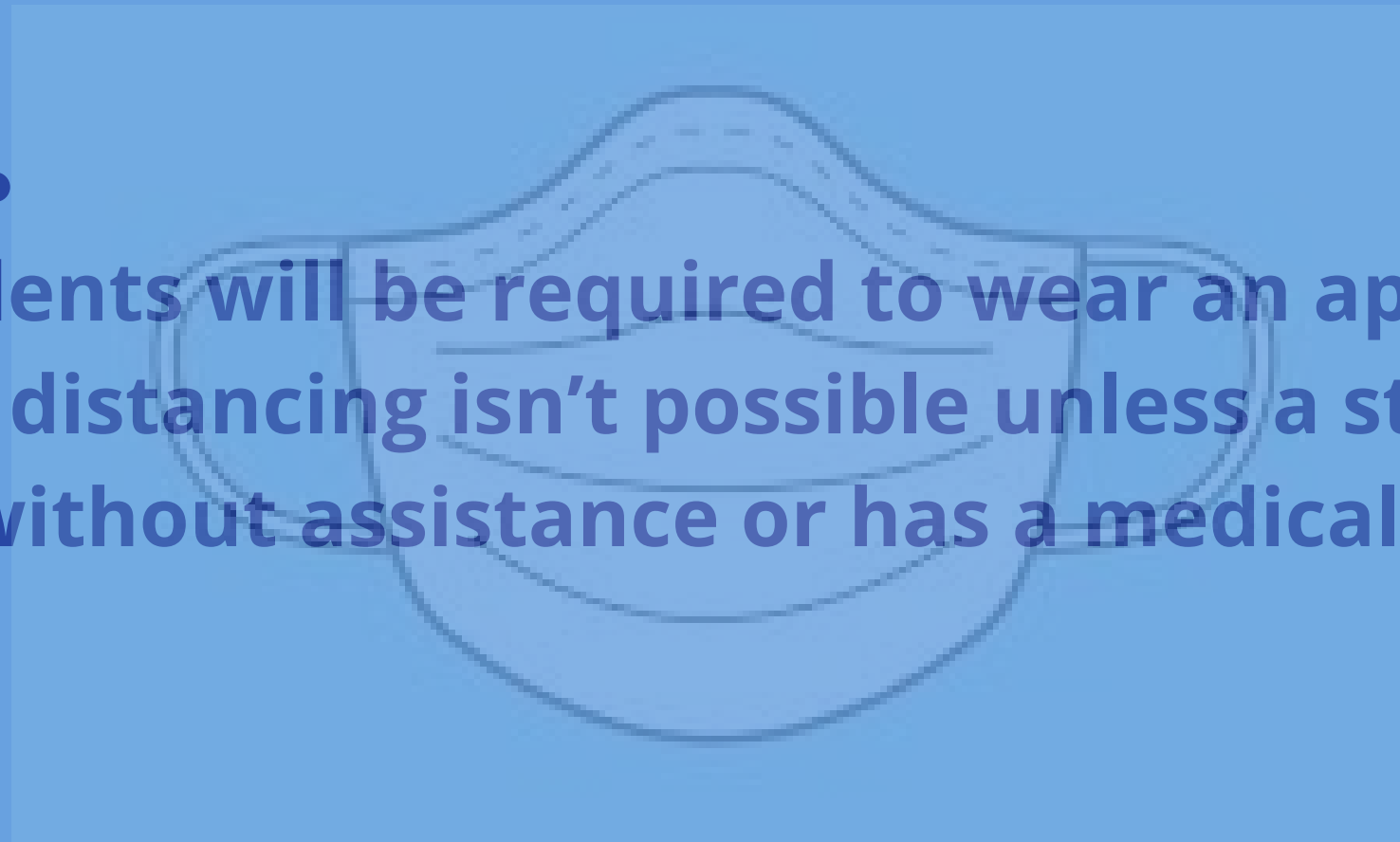
- Walkers will only be permitted to enter through the bus lane entrance.
- They will have their temperature checked on the sidewalk by a staff member who is on duty in the bus lane.
- Students will be taken to a quarantine room if they have a temperature of 100.4 or above on two separate checks. A parent or guardian will be contacted & required to immediately pick them up.

Arrival

- School doors will open to students at 7:30 a.m.
- After temperature screenings have occurred, all students will enter through either the front doors (car riders) or the bus lane doors (bus riders and walkers).
- Once inside, students will report to the cafeteria or gym: 6th/8th will report to the gym and 7th will report to the cafeteria.
- Students will be dismissed to breakfast or homeroom at 8:00 a.m.

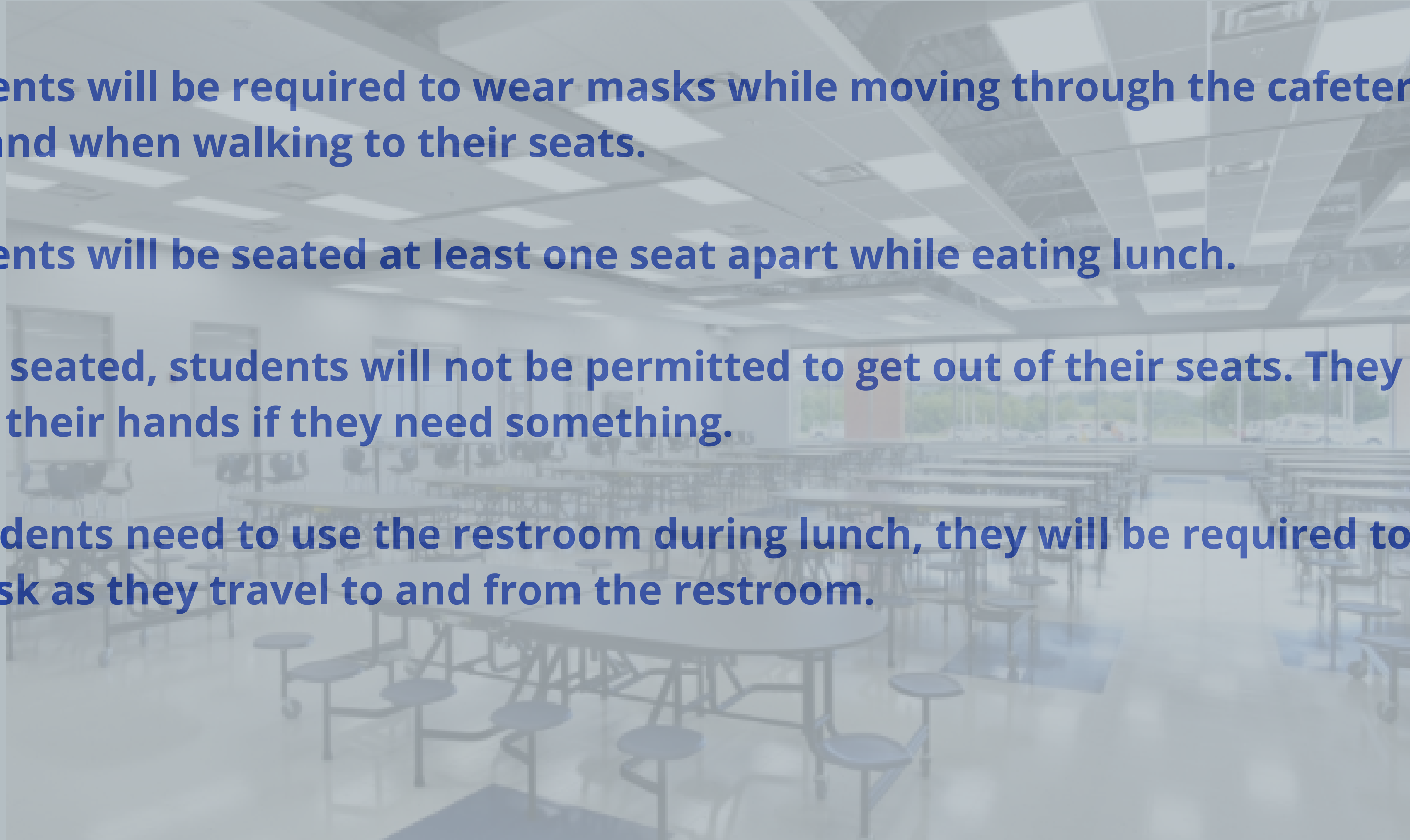
Masks

- **Per KCS policy, all students will be required to wear an appropriate mask while on campus when physical distancing isn't possible unless a student is unable to remove a mask/face covering without assistance or has a medical condition or other need preventing it.**



Lunch

- Students will be required to wear masks while moving through the cafeteria line and when walking to their seats.
- Students will be seated at least one seat apart while eating lunch.
- Once seated, students will not be permitted to get out of their seats. They must raise their hands if they need something.
- If students need to use the restroom during lunch, they will be required to wear a mask as they travel to and from the restroom.

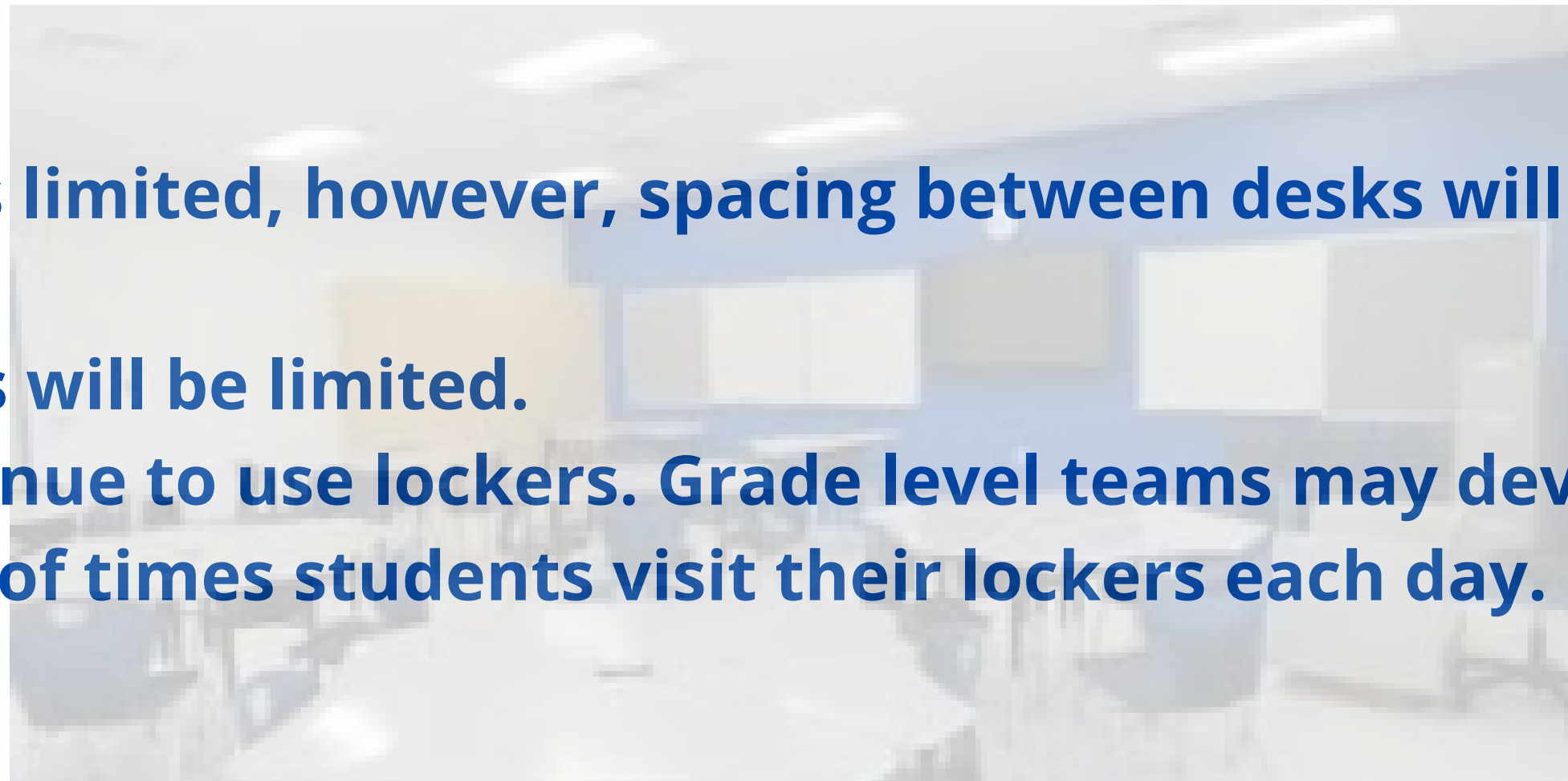


Dismissal

- ALL students will remain in classrooms until their mode of transportation is announced.
- Car riders will wear masks and spread out while waiting for their car.
- Bus riders will wear masks as they exit the building to the bus.
- Students cannot be checked out after 3:00 p.m.

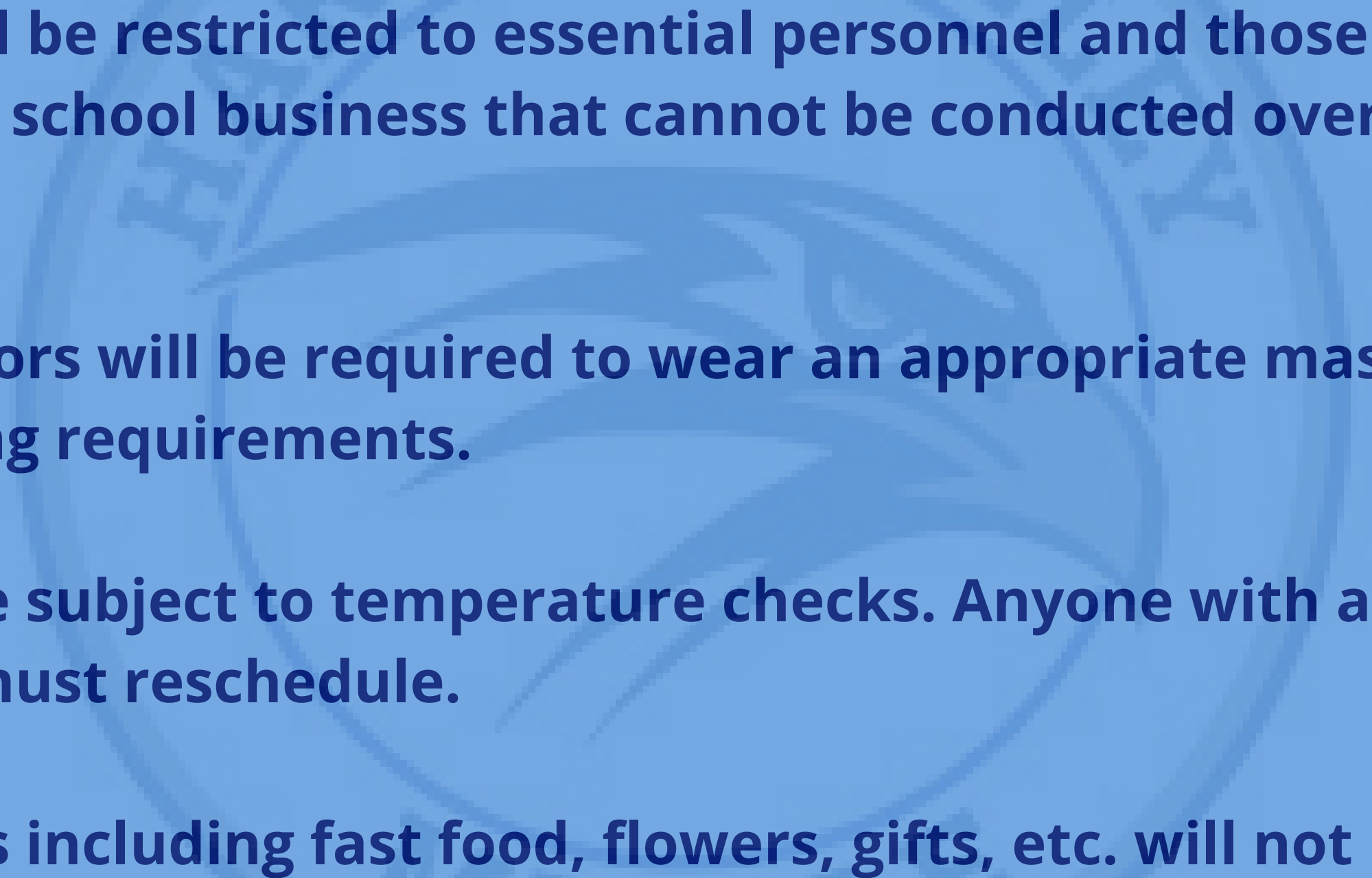
Classrooms

- Classroom space is limited, however, spacing between desks will be increased to the extent possible.
- Sharing of supplies will be limited.
- Students will continue to use lockers. Grade level teams may develop a plan that limits the number of times students visit their lockers each day.



Visitors



- **Visitor access will be restricted to essential personnel and those who have scheduled appointments for school business that cannot be conducted over the phone or by email.**
 - **All approved visitors will be required to wear an appropriate mask and adhere to physical distancing requirements.**
 - **All visitors will be subject to temperature checks. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or greater must reschedule.**
 - **Outside deliveries including fast food, flowers, gifts, etc. will not be permitted.**
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Student Sickness Protocol

- Students who have a fever of 100.4 or greater will not be permitted at school.
- Students who get a fever at school will be treated in a quarantine room away from other staff and students. KCS protocol will be followed.



Families can visit the KCS website for more information. You may also visit the school website by for information specific to hardin valley middle School.



The logo for Hardin Valley Middle School is a circular emblem. It features a stylized eagle with its wings spread, perched on a branch. The words "HARDIN VALLEY" are written in an arc across the top of the circle, and "MIDDLE" is written in an arc across the bottom. The logo is rendered in a light blue, semi-transparent style.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) WHEN WILL THINGS GO BACK TO NORMAL?

We understand how anxious and uncomfortable some students are feeling because their familiar structures and routines have changed so dramatically. We are hopeful to reintroduce familiar practices and activities as it is safe to do so. Some of the new hygiene and cleaning protocols will remain after the pandemic is over because they help to slow the transmission of all diseases. We will continue to take guidance from the CDC, the Knox County Health Department, and our school district to determine when to proceed and what to reintroduce.

2.) A STUDENT AT ANOTHER KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL HAS SOME DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS. WHY?

Every school building and student population is unique. Knox County Schools recognized this and allowed individual schools to determine how best to follow health and safety guidelines with the resources of our school.

3.) WILL THIS PREVENT THE STUDENT FROM GETTING SICK?

This will not prevent your child from getting sick at school. Our reopening plan is designed to create safe and healthy learning spaces and slow down the spreading of germs and the transmission of disease.

4.) WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY STUDENT IS SICK?

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. If your child has a fever or is showing other signs of possible COVID-19 infection, please take them to your physician to have them tested.

5.) WILL I KNOW IF SOMEONE AT HVMS HAS A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19?

Hardin Valley Middle School will follow KCS guidance concerning informing parents.

6.) WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN ON THE SCHOOL BUS?

Family members will be asked to sit together when riding the bus to and from school. Students will be seated apart from one another if space allows. Students riding the bus to school will have their temperature taken upon arrival at school.