

Secret Garden Montessori

Virtual Learning Plan

2022-23 School Year

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SGM follows all guidelines from the NJ Department of Health for any suspected or known COVID-19 exposure at the school and will implement partial or full closure of programs as required by the state. If there is a need for a physical closure, parents should expect contact from the Head of School announcing either an early dismissal (via email and phone call) or full closure (via email). Closures can last for 1-14 days depending on the most up to date testing/quarantine timeframes. In the event of a facilities closure, depending on length of time, the school will implement an alternative virtual learning program. Please note that the school's operational costs remain the same for both in-person and virtual learning. As such, in the event of a school closure, tuition will remain the same.

Below is an outline of what families can expect when a full closure is implemented:

On a virtual learning day, teachers will host a morning gathering via Zoom. This session will last anywhere between 30-45 minutes depending on student readiness. The morning gathering will include song, story, and a group lesson most relevant to the current work in the classroom at that time of year. Teachers may include work that can be practiced after the virtual session has ended.

In both classrooms, additional small group lessons may be offered after the morning gathering to support the ongoing work in the classroom. As virtual days can be unexpected and often last minute, teachers will provide material packets or supply lists relevant to the classroom curriculum ahead of the virtual meeting so that parents can help their children be prepared to participate.

On virtual learning days, teachers will be fully available to families to answer questions or offer support to children while they remain home.

Because there are many factors that contribute to the organization of virtual learning at SGM, please understand that we will do our best to accommodate in-person learning for individuals who in any given circumstance are not close contacts, fully vaccinated, or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days. Historically, virtual learning continues to prove to be the safest and most consistent way to care for the health of and provide services to all members of the SGM community.