



Thank you, Trinity Klein families, for your support, patience, and positive feedback as we all work to make our **UnCommon** school year one of academic and spiritual growth for our students. We know many of you are in a difficult situation as you continue to monitor the current environment and decide on the best return to school options for your child. We are privileged to be in a position to offer our students an eLearning experience along with on-campus opportunities such as athletics.

Our success in reopening will depend on the understanding and cooperation of staff, parents, and students. The purpose of this communication is not to preach, lecture, pontificate, or express opinions. It is to reach out and solidify a partnership to have the safest school year possible under these unprecedented circumstances.

We know that many of our families have been eagerly awaiting details about our return to campus. It has been our commitment to release our plans and information only when we are confident that those plans can be implemented on our campus. We are confident in the decisions we have made because of the careful deliberation and processes we followed. We will continue to monitor the surrounding environment leading up to our return to campus. **(Remember to submit your enrollment option for your student by July 26th at 8:00 pm. <https://form.jotform.com/201997211273051>)**

Below is the TKLS *Return to Campus* plan that has been unanimously approved by our School Administrative Staff and the Board of Christian Day School:

- **Grades K-4**
 - On-campus students will start school on Wednesday, August 19th
- **Grades 5-8**
 - All students will begin in eLearning on Wednesday, August 19th
 - On-Campus students will transition back to campus on Monday, August 24th
- **eLearning**
 - Grades K-4 students who have selected eLearning for 1st Quarter will have set eLearning Orientation meetings with the eLearning Coordinator August 19-21
 - Grades K-4 eLearning students will begin instruction on Monday, August 24.
 - Grades 5-8 eLearners will begin instruction on Wednesday, August 19th

Why the staggered start? We know that Harris County is experiencing a heightened risk level with the virus that is unlikely to be any different the longer we wait. Our decision to stagger our two campus starts was not driven by health but by our desire to provide the best transition back

to campus for each learning group. We feel confident in Trinity Klein's campus plans for health and safety along with the response protocols in place for a positive Covid-19 case.

The staggered campus start allows our administration to have an undivided focus on the K-4 reopening and campus routines for the first week of school. These new routines will include:

- Drop-Off/Pick-Up
- Health Screening
- Campus Nurse Protocols
- Movement/Transitions on Campus
- Lunch Procedures.

Having staggered start on campus will allow us to make adjustments before expanding to accommodate all grade levels with these new campus procedures.

Why will K-4 begin first? From our experience in the spring, we know eLearning presents more obstacles for the younger students. They need time and assistance to learn how to access the platforms that are necessary for eLearning. This option provides our early Elementary students with the opportunity to be on campus immediately and provides our eLearners to have the necessary training for a successful start to eLearning.

Are you considering eLearning? If you are considering eLearning, we will highlight our eLearning capabilities in our Q&A webinars. The eLearning platform will give students a seat in the classroom with a different experience and perspective from the Spring.

Have more questions? Attend a webinar to learn more about each of your options. Webinars can be accessed at CampusReturn.TrinityKlein.School

- K-3 Elementary Q&A Monday July, 27th 7:00pm
- 4-5 Elementary Q&A Tuesday July, 28th 7:00pm
- Middle School Q&A Thursday July 30th 7:00pm

How can I prepare my student for a return to campus? If you have chosen to send your child to Trinity Klein's on-campus option beginning in August, it is understood that you chose to know and follow the safety guidelines established by administration. These rules are to protect all and are not arbitrary. Parents are a vital component of Trinity's ability to safely reopen our school for on-campus instruction. We depend on parents to know, teach, support, and adhere to our method of operation. Here are some suggestions:

1) Put together a different back to school kit. Provide a back to school kit that includes five cloth masks that are acceptable to and comfortable on children. They will also need to have a bottle of hand sanitizer that they keep at school and a refillable water bottle.

2) Know the health symptoms of Covid-19 and screen your child at home. Temperature screenings, which many schools are trying to do, come at a high cost, but

are not always good detectors of Covid-19. Parents already know to screen for many childhood ailments: flu, conjunctivitis, pinworms, lice, etc. You are our best screeners!

3) Be prepared to keep your child at home if they, or anyone in the family, has symptoms of Covid-19 and to report this to the local health department and school. Please take the side of caution to avoid school contamination.

4) Prepare children for a different school experience. Please talk to your child(ren) about the need to follow new rules in schools for physical distancing, mask wearing, and personal hygiene, and why this is important.

6) Make sure children know about hand washing techniques and to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water right before leaving for school and as soon as they get home from school. This might sound silly but many years of observation make this something that needs to be said.

7) Help the school with new routines such as Drop-off and Pick-up procedures. Everyone needs to follow these new procedures in order for our school day to begin and end as efficiently as possible.

8) Parents should be prepared to support their children in remote learning if they are quarantined, and they should communicate with the school about their readiness or lack thereof for eLearning. That includes access to the Internet, technology, and the availability of adequate adult supervision for their child at home if there is a need to transition into eLearning.

Everyone grieves for what we have lost. When Trinity returns to campus in August, some of that loss will be restored, but some of what you see will be different. Remember, this is not the new normal for Trinity Klein - this is simply the moment we find ourselves in right now. We will look forward with great anticipation to the day when Trinity Klein and our community as a whole is fully restored.

We also encourage you to remember that our staff is being asked to do more to teach effectively and operate safely than ever before. Please be a model of support for our staff as strongly as you are an advocate for your child. Our *Return to Campus* plan depends on school staff and campus families working together in close partnership to keep our staff and students healthy throughout this pandemic.