

GREETINGS VINTON VIKINGS!



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

Vinton Vikings have HEART!



Open House:

Due to the current pandemic, and the need for social distancing, we will only have a Kindergarten Open House.

Kindergarten Open House

Wednesday, August 19th

12:00-3:00pm

Vinton Tours:

1st-4th grade families who are new to Vinton, are encouraged to set-up a tour with Mrs. Preston before school starts. Please call 765-771-6140 or email Mrs. Preston (cpreston@lsc.k12.in.us) to set-up a tour.

First Day of School: Thursday, August 20th

7:45am - Doors open

7:45-8:00am - 1st-4th grade students walk to the cafeteria and sit.

8:00-8:10am - 1st-4th grade students walk to their hallways spots to wait for their teacher.

7:45-8:25am - Kindergarten students walk to the cafeteria and meet their teacher for breakfast.

8:10am - 1st-4th grade students enter classrooms to eat breakfast

8:25am - Tardy bell rings

2:45pm - Dismissal

Breakfast: begins Thursday, August 20th

Cost = FREE

Any day that has a two-hour delay, there will be no breakfast served.

Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms, beginning around 8:10am.

Lunch/Recess:

4th - 10:45-11:30am

3rd - 11:15am-12:00pm

2nd - 11:45am-12:30pm

1st - 12:15-1:00pm

Kdg - 12:45-1:30pm

Lunch costs \$2.10 per day

(free/reduced applications available)

Communication:

Phone: 765-771-6140 Fax: 765-771-6144

Office Hours - 7:30am - 4:00pm

School website: via <http://www.lsc.k12.in.us/> or <http://vin.lsc.k12.in.us/cms/One.aspx>

Visit the LSC and Vinton website for school event information, newsletters and student handbook information. You will be able to access teacher email accounts from there as well.

Teacher Voice Mail: In order to not disrupt learning in our school, any phone calls during the school day will be directed to the teacher voice mail accounts. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Change in after-school plans: For the safety of your child, please give your child's teacher a written note in the morning regarding any changes in after-school plans.

The office needs to know of additional end-of-day changes by 2:00pm.

Otherwise we will follow your child's usual after school routine.

Parent Volunteers:

****At this time, no visitors are allowed in the school building****

When we are allowed to have visitors, volunteers and field trips, we will need volunteers to visit the LSC website and follow the SECURE VOLUNTEER link to register. No one can volunteer in our school or chaperone a field trip without a criminal background check on file through our website.

Get on the SHiP! "School Home in Partnership"

Parents, we want you aboard our SHiP! This is Vinton's version of the PTA. We have quarterly meetings where parents can help get involved in the planning and organizing of family nights, fundraisers and special events for our students and teachers.

***The first SHiP meeting is Tuesday, September 15th at 3pm – in the Vinton Cafeteria.
Childcare will be provided.***

LSC Elementary School Handbook:

If you have not already done so, please take time to look through LSC's Elementary School Handbook. This is found on both the LSC and Vinton's website. You will find a lot of important information, such as:

2020-2021 School Calendar

Behavior Expectations and Discipline Policy

Attendance Policy

Appropriate Appearance and Dress – Vinton does NOT have a formal Dress Code

New faces & staff changes at Vinton:

There have been a few staff changes at Vinton this year:

Mrs. Eckstein, Kdg teacher

Mrs. Czupka, 2nd grade teacher

Mrs. Harden, Kdg teacher

Mrs. Tweedie, 3rd grade teacher

Miss Plybon, special education teacher

Mr. Skinner, 4th grade teacher

Ms. Carrillo, media aide

Mrs. Richter, speech teacher

Class DOJO:

We are using Class DOJO school-wide this year. This is a free app you put on your phone or other device. It is a great way for you to communicate with your child's teacher throughout the school day. You can receive immediate feedback regarding your child's behavior choices, class assignments and school news.

Vinton Behavior Expectations:

Be Safe • Be Responsible • Be Respectful • Be Kind • Do the Right Thing!

It is the expectation at Vinton School that all students, staff and parents "*Do the Right Thing.*" Each teacher has a classroom management plan in place that they will share with families. Teachers will communicate with you directly through the use of Class DOJO, as well as via phone, email and face-to-face meetings.

Options for students who do not meet our Vinton Expectations:

- Loss of preferred privileges at school (special event, field trip, etc...)
- Time out in class, office, cafeteria or on the playground
- Morning, Lunch or Recess Detention
- Walking laps around the blacktop at recess
- Written assignment
- Phone call to or meeting with parent/guardian
- In-School or Out-of-School Suspension
- 15-day minimum at CHANCE (behavior modification program) at Linnwood School

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

Our #1 concern is the safety of your child. Therefore, we have the following expectations at arrival/dismissal time each day:

- Supervision of students does not begin until 7:45am – please do not leave your child unattended before that time.
- The front circle drive is for bus drop-off/pick-up only.
- Our parking lot is one-way only. Please follow the signs.
- If a student is being dropped-off or picked-up, please follow the diagram on back for a smooth and safe procedure.
- Cars are to stay in a single file line, along the curb.
- Do not block the Pedestrian Walkway from the curb to the parking lot.
- No leaving cars unattended along the curb, it disrupts the flow of traffic.
- Students being dropped off along the curb are to get out of the car on the curb-side only.
- If you are parking your car, you must park in a designated parking place, then walk your child across the parking lot to the front of the school.
- **NO CHILD IS TO CROSS THE PARKING LOT WITHOUT AN ADULT!**
- Please be patient and courteous to other drivers, parents, staff and students. You are a role model for our children. Inappropriate behavior or language from adults will not be tolerated.
- **Beginning Day 1....students will be expected to walk into the building without a parent/guardian.** Family members are to say their good-byes at the door, from the curb or in the car. Staff members will be in the front hallway to help students in need.

*Please see the arrival/dismissal diagram on the backside for further clarification.

*Needless to say, we are all very excited to be back at school this year.
Vikings have HEART and we're ready to show it!*



**H - HONEST
E - EFFORT
A - ATTITUDE
R - RESPECT
T - TEAMWORK**

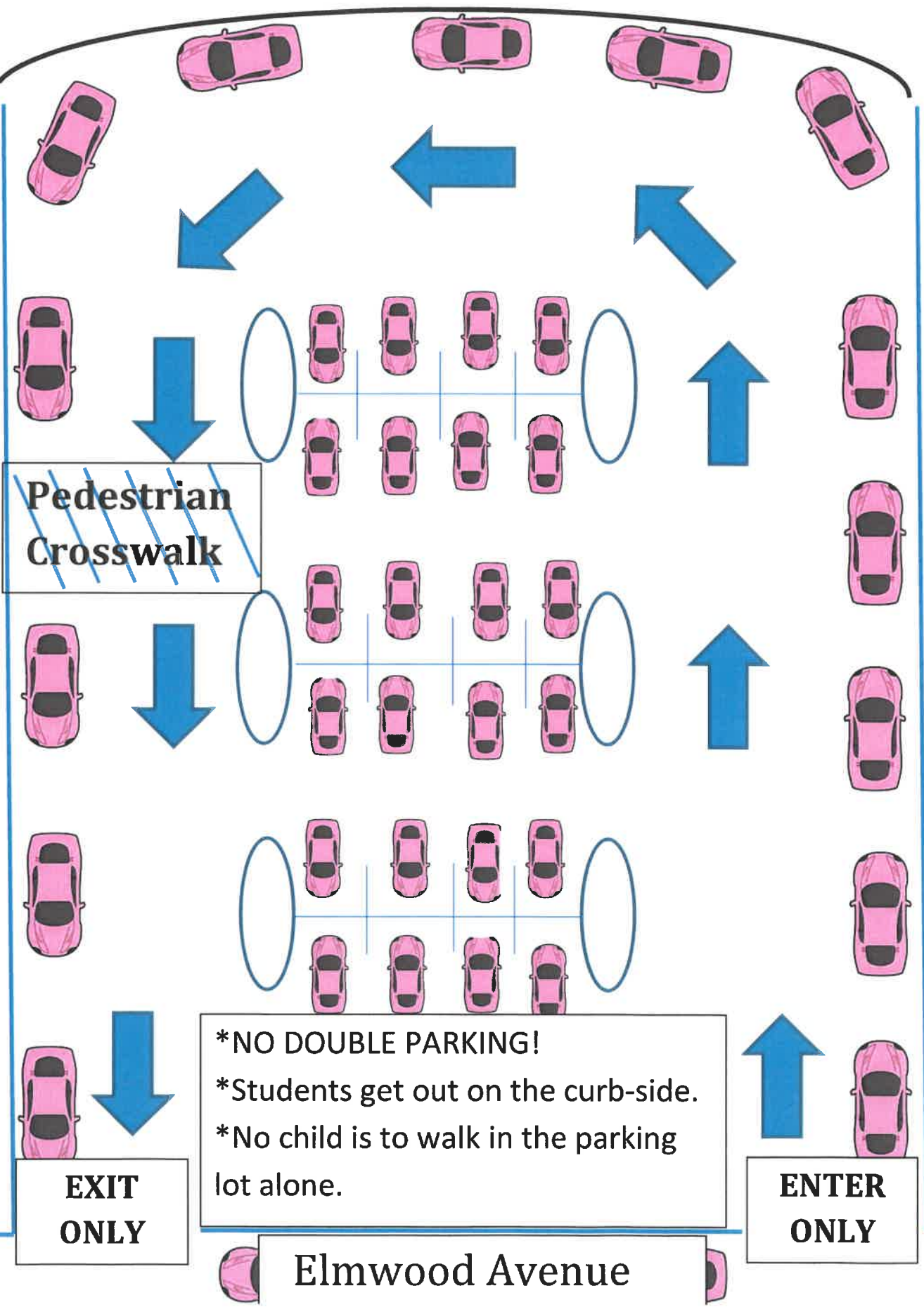


Your partner in learning,

Mrs. Cindy Preston
Principal
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Vinton School

Vinton Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure



**Pedestrian
Crosswalk**

**EXIT
ONLY**

***NO DOUBLE PARKING!
*Students get out on the curb-side.
*No child is to walk in the parking
lot alone.**

**ENTER
ONLY**

Elmwood Avenue

Vinton Elementary School
Back-to-School Plan
2020-2021
(updated July 23,2020)

LSC Families will be given two options for instruction when they register their child for the 2020-2021 school year:

Option 1: IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

This option will have students attending their assigned school for traditional instruction. The In-Person option will be implemented in two phases:

Phase I = August 20-September 4

Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday = instruction at school
Wednesdays = eLearning

Phase II = beginning Tuesday, September 8

Monday-Friday instruction at school

Option 2: eLEARNING

This option will be 100% online instruction, beginning August 20. WIFI access is required for families choosing this option. Students and teachers will use Canvas to communicate and do assignments. More information will be shared by LSC.

REGISTRATION

- **Online Registration**
 - July 24-August 6
 - Go to www.lsc.k12.in.us and click on the Online Registration tab on the left side of the screen to get started.
 - Online Registration is encouraged for all returning LSC students.
 - No student can begin school until they are registered.
- **Walk-in Registration**
 - July 27 & 29, 9am-4pm
 - July 28 & 30, 12-7pm
 - For Kindergarteners, students new to Vinton and/or those without WIFI.
 - Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency (utility bill, rental agreement, notarized letter, etc...)
 - Please wear a mask!

What safety measures you can expect for your child while at Vinton School?

We will do our best to ensure a safe and clean environment for your child while at Vinton School. Some of the measures are very different from the past, but please understand these guidelines are being put into place for the safety of your child and our staff.

- **VISITORS**

- No visitors will be allowed in the building, beginning Day 1.
- There will be a "Family Good-bye Zone" at the front of the building.
- Students and Staff will be the only people allowed in the building during arrival.
- If a parent needs to come to the Office, Nurse's Office or has a scheduled meeting, we ask that they call the office first and we will welcome them inside. We may need to ask that you wait to enter until space is available.

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- We will do our best to socially distance people inside our building.
- Teachers will arrange their classrooms in a way that allows the most room possible between students.
- Students will be asked to face the same direction during instruction.
- Student supplies will not be shared, they will be given containers or bags to store their supplies.
- Our hallways will be marked with signs that serve as social distancing markers for students.
- Arrows will be placed on the floors to aid in distancing.
- The front office is equipped with plastic shields.

- **MASKS**

- All 3rd-4th grade students and staff will be **required** to wear a mask at school, when social distancing is not possible. (This is per Governor Holcomb's order)
- K-2nd grade students are expected to have a cloth mask with them at school every day.
- All students and Staff will be **required** to wear a mask:
 - On the bus
 - In the bathroom
 - During dismissal
 - When going through the food line in the cafeteria
 - When singing in music class
- K-2nd grade students will be **encouraged** to wear a mask:
 - In the hallway
 - During arrival
- Students are welcome to wear a mask at any time they feel necessary.
- Visitors to the Office and Nurse's Office are **required** to wear a mask.
- Parents/Family members, who approach the front entrance during arrival/dismissal, are **required** to wear a mask

- **SANITIZING**

- Each classroom will be supplied with hand sanitizer at the start of the year.
- Students are asked to bring hand sanitizer for their desks.
- Students will be expected to sanitize their hands when entering/exiting:
 - classrooms
 - bathroom
 - cafeteria
 - playground
- All student desks, tables, door handles and surfaces will be thoroughly sanitized each evening by our custodial team.
- Shared tables in the classroom and cafeteria will be sanitized after use.
- All cafeteria staff will wear gloves.
- Students will not share supplies or manipulatives
- Hand sanitizing stations will be stationed throughout the building and office.

- **BATHROOMS**

- Students are required to wear a mask when using the bathroom.
- Classrooms will take scheduled breaks to use the bathroom and wash hands.
- Hand washing posters will be visible for students as a reminder.
- Water fountains will be closed.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home each day.

- **ARRIVAL**

- There is no supervision until 7:45am, when the front doors are opened.
- Students will need to say good-bye to their families at home, in the car or in front of the building. No parents will be allowed inside the building during arrival.
- 7:45-8:00am – students will gather in the cafeteria, where they will sit (socially distanced) at cafeteria tables.
- 8:00-8:10am – 1st-4th grade students will move down the hallway and sit in their assigned classroom areas.
- 8:10am – 1st-4th grade students will enter their classrooms for breakfast.
- 8:10am – Bus riders will enter the building. They will be held on their buses and unloaded, one bus at a time.
- **Kindergarteners** will meet in the cafeteria every morning. They will eat breakfast in the cafeteria with their teachers and classmates, before heading to their classrooms.

- **DISMISSAL**

- School “officially” ends at 2:45pm.
- We will be staggering our dismissal (beginning at 2:25pm) to ensure distancing in the hallways and outside.
- Teachers will designate a specific area out front (near the flag pole) to wait for parents.
- Parents picking up students are asked to do one of the following:
 - Pull up along the curb and wait in the car for your child to walk to you.
 - Park your car in a parking spot, wait in the car for your child’s class to come outside and then walk over (wearing a mask) to get your child from his/her teacher.

- **WHO IS MY CHILD’S TEACHER?**

- Parents are encouraged to go to PowerSchool the week of August 17th to see who their child’s teacher is.
- Class rosters will also be posted on the front doors beginning August 17th.

- **OPEN HOUSE**

- There will only be a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, August 19th from Noon-3:00pm. No more than 4 families will be allowed in a classroom at a time.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to have an Open House for 1st-4th grade. We want our building to remain as clean as possible for our student’s arrival the next day.
- To help with the transition, teachers will create Welcome Videos for their students and have them posted on our Vinton Canvas page by the afternoon of August 19th. This link will be shared via email, text and social media.

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

- For the safety of our students and staff, no parents or family will be allowed in the building beginning the first day of school.
- There will be a “Family Good-bye Zone” at the front of the building.
- Students and Staff will be the only people allowed in the building beyond that point.
- We will have a lot of staff available to welcome students with open arms, help carry supplies and walk them to their classrooms.