



BETTER TOGETHER

**2020-21
SCHOOL YEAR**

**CAMPUS
RE-ENTRY
PLAN**



Dear Tallulah Falls School Parents, Guardians and Students,

As you can imagine, planning for the new academic year has been a difficult task given the ever-evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even with the challenges we have faced, I want to assure you that we remain committed to providing a high-quality college-preparatory education for all TFS students. And, we will face this challenge as a united learning community.

At the onset of the pandemic, I established a Risk Management Committee consisting of key campus leaders with Assistant Head of School, David Chester as Chairman. Their planning continues to reflect our highest priorities:

- Ensuring the health and safety of all TFS students, faculty and staff
- Maintaining the TFS mission of preparing students for life by elevating character and intellect
- Ensuring TFS continues to make financially responsible decisions

The attached plan addresses issues that we are facing during this challenging time such as life on campus, transportation plans, athletic events, use of face coverings, etc. This plan also provides an option for students who are in a high-risk category which would require an alternative learning approach (Blended Learning).

We continue to be guided by our mission and plan on a successful school year with an in-class experience for all students beginning August 24th. However, one of the lessons we have learned over the course of the past few months is the importance of flexibility. As information concerning COVID-19 continues to become available, we will update our plan accordingly. This may include changes to our school calendar based on recommendations from the CDC, the Governor and State of Georgia health officials. We will keep you posted.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Peevy
President and Head of School

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES WILL HELP US NAVIGATE THROUGH THESE UNIQUE TIMES

Tallulah Falls School desires to have our students on campus this fall, and our staff is working hard to create a safe on-campus environment. While complete elimination of the risks to our community cannot be achieved while COVID-19 is still a threat, we will strive to reduce health risks as much as possible to protect students, parents, faculty and staff.

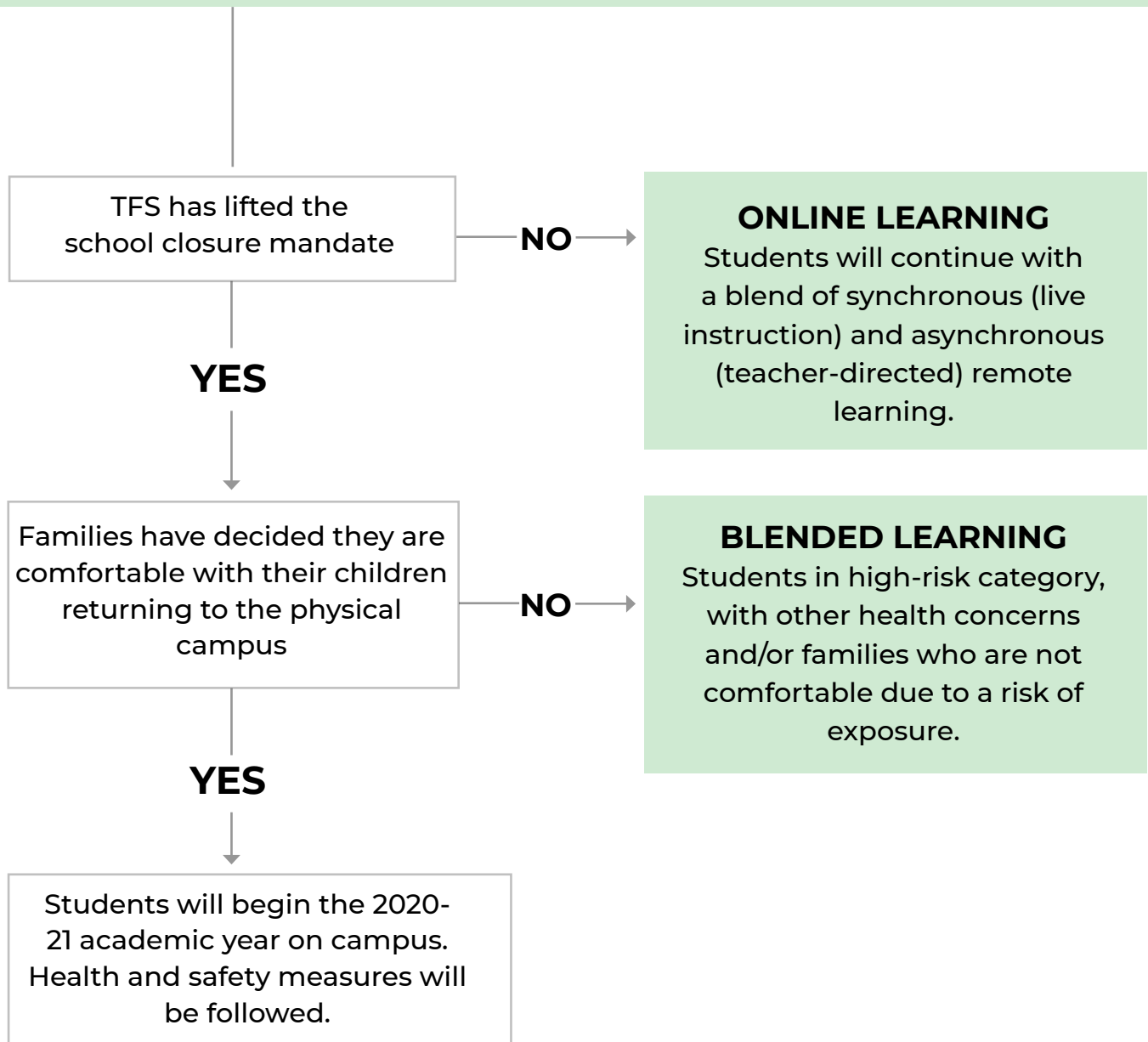
- Ensuring the health and safety of all TFS students, faculty and staff
- Maintaining our mission of preparing students for life by elevating character and intellect with the goal of all students on campus
- Ensuring TFS continues to make financially responsible decisions

Tallulah Falls School is using a wide variety of sources to develop the reopening plan. Those include, but are not limited to:

Southern Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Independent Schools
The Association of Boarding Schools
Joffe Emergency Services
Georgia Department of Public Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Habersham County Health Department
World Health Organization
Local, Regional and National Public and Private Schools
Georgia High School Association (Athletics)

RE-ENTRY PLANNING

The risk management team is consulting with local, state and national agencies to create a campus environment that supports a safe return for students in the fall of 2020.



SCENARIO 1: ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

The TFS administration, faculty and staff are preparing for on-campus classes to resume for the fall semester of 2020. Specific decisions and plans regarding on-campus modifications will continue to be updated.

- TFS plans to reopen campus for classes on August 24
- TFS plans to run a five-day schedule with normal start times
- Local/state health guidelines will be followed including health screening protocols



BLENDED LEARNING

- Students who are in a high-risk category
- Students with temporary health concerns where on-campus attendance is not recommended by a physician
- Families that may not feel comfortable having a student(s) on campus due to the risk of exposure

Families wishing to choose blended learning should schedule a time to meet with their respective Academic Deans to discuss this option. Approval will be determined on a case-by-case basis.



SCENARIO 2: ONLINE LEARNING

If schools are not permitted to open due to an increase in the spread of COVID-19 or the risk of exposure in the local and school community, we will begin the school year utilizing online learning. We will continue to assess the successes and challenges of TFS online learning to create a revised and improved plan for curriculum delivery.

Platform:

- TFS will continue to use the Google platform for curriculum delivery.
- The schedule and approach for classes/programs will be adjusted to meet the educational, social, emotional and support needs of students.
- A combination of synchronous (live)/asynchronous (recorded) instruction will be used.

PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS

TFS is preparing for possible periods of interruption to on-campus learning. Governmental authorities, public health officials and our COVID-19 Risk Management team may recommend or require an interruption of physical operations. Should this occur, TFS will transition to remote learning immediately.

LIFE ON CAMPUS

TFS seeks to follow the guidance set forth by local and state public health agencies. These protocols are being updated on a regular basis. TFS will continue to monitor areas listed below and provide more specific details on our plan to address these areas:



Physical distancing

Modifications are being made for classroom buildings, dining halls and dormitories.



Personal hygiene

Educate students, faculty, class and staff on proper hygiene.



PPE requirements for faculty, staff and students. All TFS students, faculty and staff will need to have a mask at school each day and may be required to wear it at times throughout the day.



Campus access

Campus access will be limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and vendors. Visitors will not be allowed in buildings.



Wellness screening

Student, faculty and staff wellness screening will take place before entering academic buildings.



Calendar flexibility

Changes/updates to campus events and activities



Food and Drink

Dining Hall - TFS will continue to work closely with FLIK Independent School Dining Services, our food services contractor, to safely prepare and deliver food.

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school. Water fountains will be modified and only be used to fill water bottles.



Transportation

TFS plans to continue offering shuttle services. Changes in normal services may be required due to local/state guidelines for social distancing. All shuttle drivers will wear masks and will be screened each morning prior to starting route. Face masks will be mandatory.



Athletics

TFS athletics will share "return to play" guidelines for student-athletes and coaches during the summer. The TFS Athletic Department is working in collaboration with GHSA and is following local and state guidelines to develop a plan for athletics.



Extracurriculars

TFS plans to have after-school programs run on a normal schedule.

Modifications to all programs will be made as needed.

Plans are subject to change in the event that local/state/national guidelines call for educational institutions to follow specific guidelines to maintain a healthy environment.

GUIDED BY OUR MISSION

Tallulah Fall School continues to prepare each student to thrive in life by elevating character and intellect in a challenging and diverse college-preparatory environment. Our strengths allow us to face this situation and approach to education, prepared and ready for action:

- Small class sizes
- Abundant outdoor spaces
- Creative teachers
- Technologically prepared
- Flexibility to adapt and personalize



RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM/ADMINISTRATORS

Please feel free to contact any member of the RMT if you have questions or concerns.



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