

## **Sudbury Extended Day Remote Learning Center**

Our SED Remote Learning Center (RLC) has been established to provide support to student's online learning during the Sudbury Public School's Hybrid Model. At the RLC, we will continue the SED mission to provide diverse opportunities for enrichment, exploration and learning social skills.

Sudbury Extended Day educators will support online learning and student's individual academic practice during their time at the RLC. In addition, we will provide opportunities for nurturing small group activities/play based centers and bring forth many outdoor adventures around our facility, the First Parish Church.

We are working on an RLC-specific Parent Handbook, which will be a comprehensive description of the program. In the meantime, below is the information that we know now and can share with parents.

### **Basics of the RLC**

Cohort A attends the RLC on Tuesday and Friday; SED will call this group Cohort 1A.  
Cohort B attends the RLC on Monday and Thursday; SED will call this group Cohort 2B.  
There will be no RLC on Wednesdays to start the year.

The RLC will be held at the First Parish Church, 327 Concord Road.

The RLC opens on Monday September 21, 2020.

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students will be in a group of 10, with the same students and the same teachers each time they come to the RLC. SED will call these groups "pods."

Each Pod is guided by 2 consistent SED teachers

Snack/Lunch: SED will provide one snack per day. Families should send their child with a lunch (that does not need to be heated) and an additional snack.

### **Supplies Students should bring each day:**

Lunch plus additional snack

Masks (3) – mask breaks available on demand with designated spaces throughout the building

Personal device to use for online learning, charged, with charging cable just in case

Headphones

Water bottle

Supplies for independent practice (SED will also have extra supplies on hand)

A beach towel for sitting on the floor

A change of clothes

Sunscreen and bug spray (SED will provide Coppertone and Off! Family)

### **What will a typical day at the RLC look like?**

Our understanding is that SPS will be asking students to log into synchronous learning approximately 3 times per day. Our teachers will plan each child's day around when they need to be logged in, and will help them with their technology and access to the greatest extent possible. Because each child's schedule will be different, we can't say right now exactly what the day will look like. But, in addition to the synchronous learning times, in general students will also engage in their independent practice during their RLC day, as well as arts and crafts, games and free play, snacks and lunch time, and lots of outdoor play while the weather is nice.

While outdoors, we will spread out into various spaces. We'll use our playground at First Parish, as well as the town cemetery which is accessed by a trail through the woods behind the church and has a large green space, and the Heritage Park across Concord Road. The positive benefits of exposure to the outdoors is immense! (Increased concentration, greater attention capacities, enhanced motor coordination, reduced stress levels and improved social skills.) Our daily outdoor adventures will provide a nice balance between online learning, small group activities and play based centers.

### **COVID specific logistics**

Our licensing body, the Department of Early Education and Care has stringent protocols in place for cleaning and disinfecting the program space. to which we will adhere. In addition, we will follow the Sudbury Public Schools' 3 W's protocol: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. Handwashing will occur before and after eating and outdoor play, and there will be hand sanitizer readily available throughout the building. Teachers will be wiping high touch surfaces throughout the day as well. We have contracted with a commercial cleaning company to clean the space each day prior to the children's arrival.

We'll require parents to screen their child each morning for COVID symptoms. This screening will be done on paper and will a child's "ticket" to get into the RLC each day. Each teacher will also be screened upon arrival each day. We will have an isolation space for children (and teachers) who may become ill while at the RLC. There will be a process in place in case of exposure to COVID.

### **Other logistics**

We are working on the drop off and pick up process in the small First Parish parking lot. As no adults can enter the child care space, we will be implementing a car drop off and pick up much like the elementary schools do. Details about this process will be forthcoming.

HVAC has been a concern in the SPS reopening process. At the First Parish Church, we have had the ventilation systems checked by the Church's HVAC provider. On the side of the building that contains the SED classrooms and the "Commons" room upstairs that SED will now be using as program space, SED Administration has requested that the filters in the air handlers be upgraded to MERV-11 filters (the handlers do not fit MERV-13 filters). We have also

updated the HVAC system so that the blowers can run throughout our time in the building, constantly cycling fresh air into these program spaces. The Parish Hall space, which we will also be occupying as part of the RLC, has an older HVAC system. This system cannot run the blowers to cycle the air through the space. Therefore, in this space, we will have open windows with screens, and air purifiers to clean the air.

There are many other parts of the schedule and logistics that we are working on before the RLC opens on Sept 21. Please send your questions to the office, as they will help us to prepare!

We look forward to welcoming your children on September 21!