

February 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach winter recess starting on February 15th, the Green Chimneys administration has carefully reviewed the data for our region and our commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff. The temporary transition to remote instruction following the December holiday break was effective in maintaining low infection rates on our campuses, and we have decided to implement this again for the upcoming break in order to provide academic instruction in a safe and consistent manner. We believe this course of action is central to reducing risk and prioritizing health and safety, both within the school community and in the many communities we represent.

Brewster Campus Day Students: Following the February recess week, we will transition to remote instruction for all Brewster day students on Monday, February 22nd and Tuesday, February 23rd. In-person instruction will resume on Wednesday, February 24th. The purpose of this two-day extension is to await the results of COVID tests administered to residential students who were off campus during the break.

Residential Students: Residential students who were off campus for the break will return on Sunday, February 21st and be administered a COVID test. While awaiting their results, these students will attend their classes in the school building per their regular academic schedule and remain in their dorm cohorts. Classroom teachers, program teachers and related service providers will provide instruction and services via Zoom.

Clearpool Campus Day Students: Clearpool campus will resume in-person instruction on Monday, February 22nd.

All students on our Brewster Campus will receive a schedule to follow for their remote learning on February 22nd and 23rd. The schedule will outline times they will receive direct instruction via Zoom, when they will have independent work, and when they will receive related services, if applicable. This schedule will be emailed by February 12th to day students, and be directly provided to residential students who are on campus.

Distance learning can be challenging for students, their parents and the staff. Everyone's efforts, collaboration and dedication is deeply appreciated as we work together to keep our community healthy and safe. We truly believe that our students belong in school and look forward to safely resuming in-person instruction on February 24th on our Brewster campus.

If you need a device for remote learning to be sent home with your student to use, please communicate that with your child's classroom teacher and social worker prior to the break.

Thank you for your partnership and perseverance as we continue to work together in this.

Sincerely,

Jerry Newell
Principal