



July 1, 2020

Dear FCS Family,

I hope you are safe and well. For certain, we all can say that so far 2020 has been a very trying and tumultuous year. However, we can still say that God is good and continues to bless our family at Florence Christian School. Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic, God has sent us many new and great families. For that we are grateful.

Many would agree with the American Academy of Pediatrics that recently said that schools should “start with the goal of having students physically present in school.” Even though we continue to be in an ever-changing environment during this pandemic, it is our plan to open FCS as scheduled on August 17 in a way that will keep our students and faculty as safe as possible. Our administrative team is currently working on three contingency plans that will provide flexibility during this “fluid” situation.

- **Plan A – Modified Traditional Model** (our current plan) – All students would be on campus for in-person instruction following the traditional school daily schedule with modifications in place that will help mitigate the spread of Covid 19. Details of these adjustments will be forthcoming.
- **Plan B – Hybrid Model** – This model is a combination of in-person instruction and distance learning. Students will be assigned days of the week on a rotational schedule to report to school for classroom instruction and participate in distance learning on the other days of that week. If this model is necessary, FCS will do everything possible to ensure siblings report to school on the same days.
- **Plan C – Distance Learning Model** – All students would remain at home and receive instruction through remote learning. Google Classroom, Zoom, and other various mediums will be used for instruction. Teachers will be in continual communication with students regarding content and assignments. This model will be used if mandated by state or local officials.

If the infection rate data indicates FCS’s need to consider plans B or C, we will likely implement these plans using a tiered approach. We will attempt to keep our youngest students on campus as long as safely possible, as we have learned that remote learning is more challenging for our younger students who have not developed into independent learners.

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support, and for entrusting your children to our care. We will continue to update you as our plans for the new school year take shape and as we receive clarification from local, state, and federal authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Berry'.

Jim Berry  
Principal