

Parent Procedures for Return to School



2022-23



WALDORF SCHOOL
ORANGE COUNTY



Welcome Back

It is with joyful anticipation that we welcome our new and returning students to the 2022/2023 school year. We are eager to see our students return to campus on September 6.

To support a smooth start to the school year, please review the important information included in this document regarding our sick policy, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and COVID-19 reminders, some of which are changed from last year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year full of achievements and challenges and surprises, and we are so glad that you and your family are part of our cherished community.

Health & Safety

The school's COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan for the new school year is guided by recent recommendations of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) published June 30, 2022, and by the most recent Orange County Health Officer orders. This Plan is a working document and will be updated throughout the school year as shifting circumstances dictate.

Key points of the Plan include:

Although the CDPH continues to strongly recommend masking in indoor settings, the universal masking requirement was lifted last March and the use of masks continues to be voluntary, indoors and outdoors. Any individual who desires to wear a mask, however, is welcome to do so.

It is the continuing responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children daily before sending them to school. Please do not send children to school if they exhibit symptoms of contagious diseases, including COVID-19.

Even when students have been exposed to COVID-19 at school or in other settings, all students, regardless of vaccination status or previous COVID-19 disease, may continue to attend school so long as they are free of any symptoms. It is recommended that all students who have been exposed be tested 3-5 days following exposure.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate at home while awaiting testing results.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should stay at home at least 5 days after start of symptoms (or after date of first positive test if no symptoms). Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and an antigen test is negative.

COVID-19 vaccination remains a personal choice, and WSOC does not mandate vaccinations for students or teachers. However, at this time it has been confirmed that we are still required to follow a CDPH order issued on August 11, 2021, that requires all teachers in California to either be fully vaccinated or to undergo testing at least once per week.

Drop off and pick up will continue in front of the school.

For full details, please refer to the school's **COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan 2022-2023**. We are grateful for the support of our community in ensuring a healthy environment for our school community.

Traffic Issues

Situated at the end of a dead-end street, with limited parking spaces and a street that narrows just before the school, traffic difficulties at the school are a major concern with limited options for improving the situation.

We can all make a difference by being patient and considerate with one another and by following these suggestions:

- Please drive slowly and carefully when approaching or leaving the school (even if you are running a little late). Please obey all posted speed signs on Wilson Street and Canyon Drive.
- Please do not block neighbors' driveways.
- Please pass other cars on Canyon Drive only when it is safe and necessary to do so.
- Please be aware that children may unexpectedly cross in front of you-be aware and drive extra cautiously.
- Please do not leave your car if you are in one of the drop-off line-ups.
- Parents of grades students can help by arriving before the final rush for the 8:30 start. Gates open and children are welcome at 8:00 am.
- On the other hand, parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students can help by not arriving too early. Arrival time for both should be as close to the 8:30 - 8:40 am window as possible. For this year, we are asking parents of Pre-K students to park in an available parking spot and walking their children to the gate if they arrive early.
- Consider the possibility of parking or dropping off at Fairview Park, 2501 Placentia Avenue and taking a short walk to the school with your child(ren).
- If you want to park and shop in the Company of Angels store, please park along the bluffs or in the designated areas to avoid a hold up in the main lot. We'd love to see you there!

Pre-Kindergarten Drop Off & Pick Up

Pre-Kindergarten drop off & pick up will take place in the south end of the Main School parking lot as you enter at the Early Childhood gate.

Please pull into the lot where the gate to the EC breezeway will open -- the Pre-Kindergarten teachers or assistants will be there ready to help your child from the car and into the classroom. For safety considerations, please keep your child with you in your car until a teacher or assistant can greet you. Please be mindful that the teachers are responsible for a calm and crisp drop-off process, so discussions with the teachers are best held after school when there is time to address any questions or issues.

The arrival time for Pre-Kindergarten is 8:30 - 8:40 am.

At pick up, Pre-Kindergarten teachers will walk the children out to the Early Childhood gate and will wait for you to pull up and collect your child.

Pick-up time is 1:00 - 1:10 pm.

Kindergarten Drop Off & Pick Up

Kindergarten drop off & pick up will take place in the High School parking lot. Please pull into the lot at the southern end of our property, where the large gates to the yard will open. Please use both lanes. Either the kindergarten teachers or the assistants will be there, ready to help your child from the car and into the classroom.

The arrival time for Kindergarten is 8:30 - 8:40 am.

At pick up, the Kindergarten teachers will walk the children out to the designated Early Childhood gate in the high school parking lot and will wait for you to pull up and collect your child.

Pick-up time is 1:00 - 1:10 pm.

Grades 1-8

Drop Off

Parents will drop off children in front of the school office by pulling all the way to the furthest end of the curb in the main parking lot. Children should be ready to exit their car on arrival to expedite drop off. Please arrive early, if possible, to alleviate traffic issues at 8:30.

The Grades gates open and students are welcome at 8:00 am. The gates will close promptly at 8:30 am. Students arriving after 8:30 am should report to the office and will be given a tardy slip. If your student has an excused tardy, they should have a valid doctor's note stating such and/or a parent/guardian should accompany them to the office to sign them in as excused.

Pick Up

All grades 1-8 will be dismissed from designated areas:

- **1 -3 on the Eurythmy Hall lawn**
- **4-8 on the Office lawn**

While in the Main lot pick-up line, please follow staff directions. Do not get out of your car unless assistance is needed to load bulky or heavy objects.

Cars should pull up to the sidewalk between the exit and the flagpole to receive children. Please do not leave your car unattended. WSOC staff members will be out front to help escort and call students to be released. Walk-up parents, once parked, are advised to meet their student(s) at their designated grade area(s) and check with the dismissing staff member before taking their student(s) home. Grades 6-8 students will be permitted to visit the Company of Angels at dismissal at the discretion of the Grade teacher. All other students must have a parent chaperone who has parked to escort them into the store.

Changes of pick-up status should be communicated to the front office prior to pick-up. We are concerned about the safety of our students and this is an important communication step to help maintain a safe pick-up protocol.

Grades 1 to 3 with Early Release Days may be picked up at 1:10 pm if your child is not staying for Aftercare.

Grades 6 to 8 will be released at 3:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays after Music classes. It would be appreciated if you don't arrive earlier to assist with traffic control.

High School Drop Off & Pick up

High School students should arrive between 8 and 8:10 am. Classes begin promptly at 8:15 am.

Please drop-off your student in the high school parking lot.

Parking is available for high school students in the main parking lot of the school and in the spots along Canyon Drive.

Please let Shauna in the High School office know if your student will not be attending classes for any reason, including illness, at (949) 574-7754. Thank you!