

# *R. E. Thompson Intermediate School*

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To all R.E. Thompson School Parents/Guardians and Students:

The administration, faculty, and staff hope that all of our RET families have had a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break! In a few short weeks we will be ready to start a very unusual school year. This letter is my attempt at passing out information to our families about what school at RET may look like come August 20th. I say may, because all details contained in this letter are subject to change based on guidance from our administration, the Governor, the CDC, Alabama Dept. of Public Health, or the Dept. Of Education.

The Board of Education and Mr. Aikerson, our superintendent, will be posting a reopening plan for all schools in the near future. We ask that you please read it carefully. The goal of this plan is to keep the students and staff safe and healthy while also providing the best education possible. Below are a few of the larger details on how R.E. Thompson will conduct a "Traditional" school day:

- Doors will open at 7:40 for all students (no earlier and no waiting at the door) but drop-off areas are grade specific - 3rd grade is the 3rd grade exit; 4th grade is the front of the building; 5th grade is by the pavilion. Siblings can be together.
- All students will be at desks separated as far apart as possible facing the front
- Students will remain in the same classroom for all instruction except PE, Special Ed, gifted, speech, or intervention
- Library, music, computer, and guidance will be in classrooms
- Breakfasts will be delivered and lunches will be picked up in the cafeteria, but both meals will be eaten in the classroom
- Students will be issued their own chromebook and learning materials that only they will use and personal supplies will stay in their possession
- At this time, temperatures will not be taken at entry and masks are strongly suggested, but not required for students
- Dismissal will be the same locations as drop-off, but students will wait in classrooms until called

Our system's reopening plan will spell out the differences in the above traditional learning and the virtual learning option also available. As of now, the RET virtual learning will be a combination of computer based lessons, videos, teacher guided lessons, textbook work, and assessments. The option you choose for your student will be semester long with the ability to change options in January. Blended learning will only take place if the school has to shut down or a student is quarantined for a period of time.

Once again, all these plans are based on information known on July 17 and are subject to change. You will be notified as new information becomes available. I will thank you now for your patience and understanding and I thank you in advance for a wonderful 2020-2021 school year! Get ready to ROAR!!

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