

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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When school resumes, will it be safe for my child to attend?

Yes. VPS is carefully disinfecting classrooms. Soap and hand sanitizer is available in each classroom. Teachers have received training on the prevention of COVID-19. Nevertheless, each family must make their own decision. Students who are kept home will be marked as "excused" (absence), thereby lessening the impact upon their grades.

Why does VPS have to follow RUSD?

One of the keys of getting through the current crisis is to work collaboratively. VPS understands this and values the decision-making of RUSD which is advised by local, county, and state leaders. They have access to information which VPS does not. Clearly, informed decision-making is critical.

Do I still need to pay my tuition while the school is conducting Distance Learning?

Yes! While we understand the burden that is placed upon families who may struggle to secure childcare, the school's bills continue to be paid and the teachers continue to receive their salary. Distance Learning is an accepted means of providing educational content which will allow your child to receive "credit" for their current year of instruction.

Will we need to make-up the days that the school is closed?

Distance Learning is an increasingly common method of providing instruction and can be counted as regular "school days." Nevertheless, we will be guided by RUSD with respect to any changes to the current school year's calendar.

Will my child fall behind?

There is no shortage of tools at the teachers' disposal for providing content for Distance Learning. Many educational companies, for example, are providing free access to their platforms and resources. Accordingly, VPS is confident that we can keep students up-to-date with their studies, with the ultimate goal of being ready for the 2020-21 school year.

While the school is closed, can I pay my child's teacher to provide tutorial services?

NO!! While we appreciate the burden that Distance Learning places upon parents, it is not allowed to pay your child's teacher for out-of-school instruction.

When school resumes, what events will be cancelled?

Visit our website for an updated list of cancellations. <https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/COVID-19-Information>

Will (day) fieldtrips be cancelled once regular classes resume?

Yes, all day-trips will be cancelled for the remainder of the school year.

Will (overnight) fieldtrips be cancelled?

We have rescheduled our trips to the Colorado River and Washington DC, originally scheduled for April. The 4th grade's trip to Sacramento (scheduled for May) is likely to be rescheduled or cancelled by the travel company. The Europe-trip planned for this Summer remains on-schedule but is likely to be rescheduled or cancelled by the travel company.