



2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR

JOINING TOGETHER IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

A NOTE FROM DARRELL COTTON, HEAD OF SCHOOL

High Point Friends School would like to thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times in our lives. Families in our community have had to turn spaces in their homes into classrooms and offices and share mobile devices. During this crisis, many individuals have emerged as heroes, leading the way to provide hope and comfort for those that have been impacted by COVID-19. However, the role you have played in your children's lives during this time has been amazing.

Your inspiration and encouragement has reaffirmed our commitment to reopening our campus for the start of the school year on August 24. The administrative team has spent countless hours creating a roadmap to reopening our campus while reimagining school in our current reality. COVID-19 has taught us many lessons, but the most important one is having a growth mindset in the midst of the unknown, so our students can grow and change in an environment that nurtures their spirits and challenges them to develop inner resources for discipline, respect, compassion, and achievement.

We are continually monitoring all facets of this dynamic situation and we recognize that this requires adaptive planning that will evolve as the science and circumstances do. Despite the uncertainty, we are developing plans to reopen our campus based on the most current guidance from public health officials and the state of North Carolina.

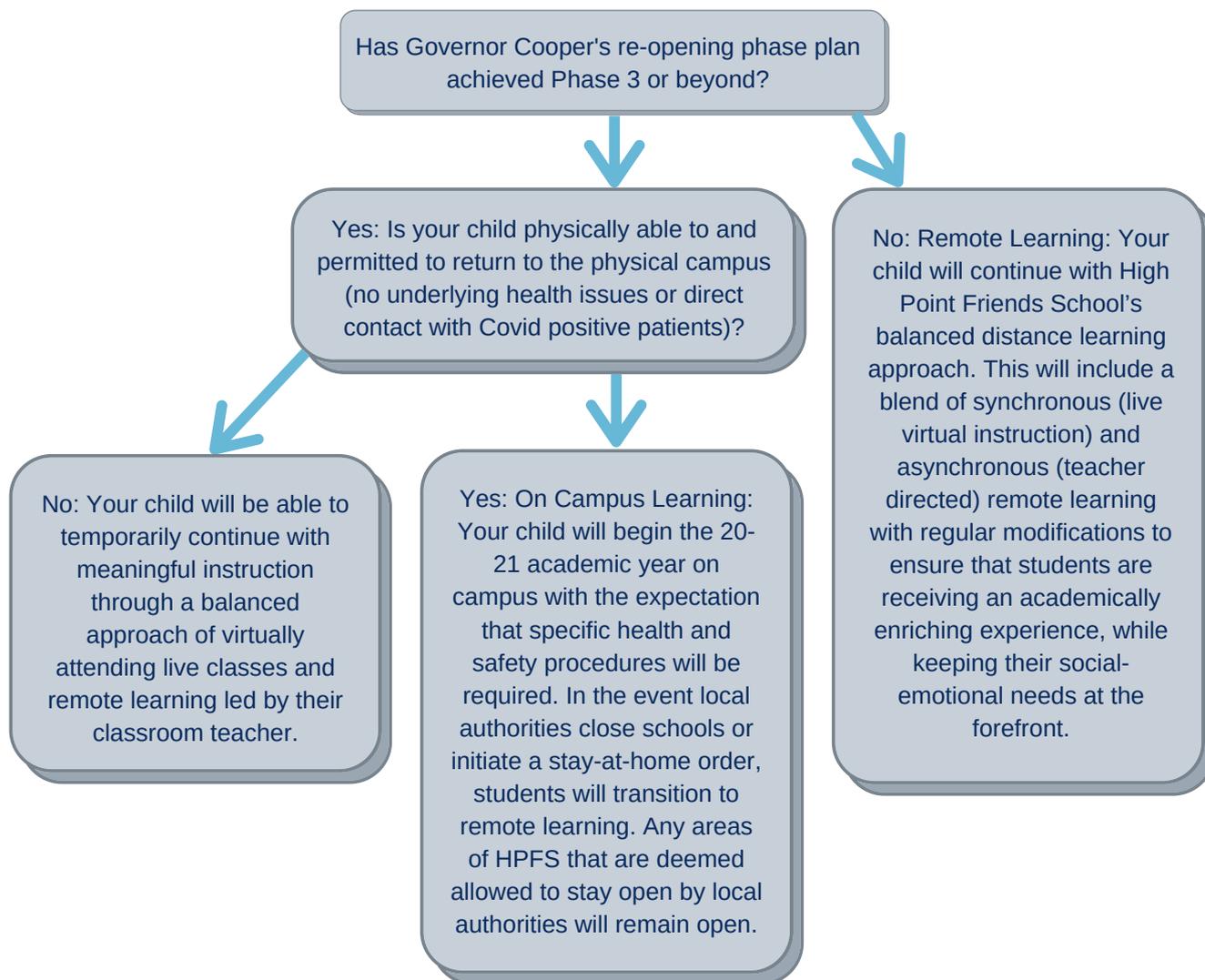
Guided by the Quaker principles of: Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship, High Point Friends School is committed to nurturing that of God in every person through individual reflection, hands-on learning, and community service during these times of uncertainty.



RE-ENTRY PLANNING

High Point Friends School is working to meticulously develop a re-entry plan that allows for flexibility and transparency while prioritizing the health and safety of our community. Our Administrative Team is currently preparing the physical campus to support students in the fall of 2020. In keeping with our mission to nurture the mind, body and spirit of all children, especially in times of discontinuity, we recognize that various scenarios need to be formulated. The following flow chart provides a blueprint for future planning.

BLUEPRINT FOR 2020-2021



ON CAMPUS LEARNING

High Point Friends School is eager to resume on campus operations in the fall of 2020. While our policies and procedures will be adjusted to ensure the health and safety of the HPFS community, our dedication to collaboration, individualized education and a nurturing learning environment will remain the center of our instruction.

Keeping our unique approach to teaching and learning as our focus, High Point Friends School is committed to continuing to provide small, student-centered classes, with individualized instruction and insightful social-emotional learning and support in a safe and healthy environment. As we continue to provide this on campus, we will also strategically prepare our community for any interruptions to on-site learning. Students will be prepared to seamlessly transition from in-person to remote learning with direct instruction on the digital literacy skills needed to be successful in distance learning integrated into their daily classes should the need arise.

PREPARING THE PHYSICAL CAMPUS

Preparing for on campus classes to resume in a safe and healthy manner in August of 2020 is High Point Friends School's top priority. The community will implement specific safeguards which will be in accordance with local, state, and federal recommendations. While specific policies and procedures will be finalized over the next several months as more information and updated public health guidelines are issued, strategies are being developed in the following areas including, but not limited to:



Enhanced sanitizing and cleaning processes



Revising spaces to allow for social distancing throughout daily operations



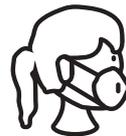
Modification of gatherings and transitions



Changes to campus access for visitors and parents



Revisions to drop off and pick up procedures



The use of masks based on CDC and NC Department of Health and Human Services Recommendations



Screening of students and staff prior to entry



Amended illness and attendance policies



Travel reporting expectations



Adjustments to before and after care procedures



COVID-19 safety and health training for all staff



PREPARING FOR INTERRUPTIONS

The desire is to hold in-person classes for the duration of the school year, yet High Point Friends School is prepared to offer continuous learning through remote platforms should the need arise. We recognize there are irreplaceable in-person experiences; and we commit to remaining on campus as much as possible. Any area of the school that is permitted to operate in person based on local, state and federal guidelines will remain on campus. Our teachers will prepare our students for any potential changeovers to remote learning throughout the year to allow for a smooth transition and uninterrupted progress. Should a student be unable to attend school in person, due to exposure to or developments related to COVID-19, a remote attendance option will be available.

OFF CAMPUS LEARNING

A BALANCED APPROACH

Should the need arise for our community to be physically apart, High Point Friends School remains committed to providing uninterrupted, meaningful learning and instruction. Our commitment to educating the whole child will be ongoing through purposefully selected digital platforms. Our students will continue to receive one-on-one support and small group instruction with clear expectations and accountability. Based upon continuous feedback from families our individualized and balanced approach to remote learning will maintain stability while keeping our community's mental health and social-emotional well-being at the forefront.



1. School-life balance
2. Social-emotional well-being
3. Continuity of learning
4. Individualized support