



“MOSHPIT”

Prior to the development and use of a COVID-19 vaccine **our behavior** is the only way to ensure we have an environment that is as safe and healthy as possible. Everyone has a vital part to play. We will never have zero risk but we can strive to mitigate it by doing our individual parts.

The essential actions we must each take responsibility for will help to provide an environment that is as safe and healthy as possible. These actions are outlined in the phrase “**MOSHPIT**”. MOSHPIT is a useful mnemonic developed to help us remember the tools we have to stop the spread.

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MASKS: Health officials have recommended this highly effective tool in stopping the community spread of the disease. They’ll be needed throughout the day by children and adults alike.

OUTDOORS: This provides both space and ventilation. We will be outside as much as possible while maintaining social distance.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: This is foundational in our planning for life at school. Visual guides will help children and adults maintain 6 feet between one another.

HAND WASHING AND HYGIENE: We expect this highly effective tool to be used many times throughout each day by everyone to cut down on the likelihood of person-to-person transmission.

Transition times will include handwashing and the disinfection of high-touch surfaces.

PARTICIPATION: Keeping our community healthy is both a personal and public responsibility and we ask you to be cognizant of your personal and public duties at this time.

Adult and teacher behaviors and attitude serves as a model for students.

INFORMATION: We will continue to stay informed with facts, information, and sources to guide school life. We’ll operate on the “facts” from reliable medical sources. Following the facts helps mitigate risks and decrease levels of anxiety.

TALKING AND TRAINING: This is a medical and a social emotional issue – talking helps. Training for everyone included in our community provides the school an “extra level of support”.

NOTE: WSB’s main information sources are the CDC, MSDE, OSHA, and the City/State Health Departments.

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