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Dear Minot Forest Families,

We are very excited to begin the in-person learning next week! Cohort 1 students will be coming to school on October 5, 2020 to do in-person learning on Monday and Tuesday. Cohort 2 students will be coming to school on October 8, 2020 to do in-person learning on Thursday and Friday. All students are at home working remotely on Wednesdays. Our school day for in-person learning is from 9:00-12:30. After a few weeks, we will see if we need to adjust those times once we have buses arriving on a regular basis.

On the first day of your child's cohort next week, there will be staff in the halls to help them find their homeroom. Please be sure your child remembers their teacher's name. We will have lists available in case they forget. Students will be staying in their homeroom class for the entire time they are in the school building. They will not be switching to another classroom. Some teachers are teaching all subjects with their class so those students will have one teacher for all content areas. Some teachers are working on a two person team and have split teaching the content areas. In those cases, the teachers will switch rooms, not the students.

Your child will need to bring his/her chromebook to school every day. They will be using them for the in-person learning. It is important that the chromebooks be charged every night before they go to bed so they will be fully charged for school the next day. They will bring their chromebook home with them each day as well.

Face masks must be worn when students are on the bus and in school. There are a few types of masks that are not approved. No bandanas, gators or masks with valves please. Mask breaks have been scheduled for students.

**Parent/Guardian drop off:**

Between 8:40 A.M. and 8:55 A.M., all parents/guardians who are dropping off their child will drive into the Town Hall parking lot and will drop off their child at the auditorium/gymnasium door #9. If you arrive before 8:40 AM and staff are not outside, you will have to park in a parking space. Once staff come outside, and not before then, you can drive down into the oval for the quick drop and go. Your child will need to be ready to exit the car quickly. This means their face mask must already be on, good-byes have been said, and they have their backpack all ready. If possible, we prefer they exit the right side of the car. **Please stay in line and wait for the car in front of you to leave before you pull away. We will not allow cars to pull around the left side to pass as this is a safety issue for students who may need to exit the left side of the car.** Once your child has exited the car, you will drive through the parking lot and leave near the Multi Service Center. If you prefer to walk your child to the door, please park in a parking space, you and your child with masks on can walk to the door where you will say a quick goodbye.

All large buses will unload at the front entrance to the middle school. Special education buses will unload down the alley near the football field.

Any student being dropped off after 8:55 A.M. will be considered tardy and must use the main entrance to the school. Cars cannot enter the front oval when buses are unloading. Please park across the street and walk your child to the front door if buses are there. If they are not there, you can pull up to the front entrance and your child can enter the front door, with their mask on, to get a tardy slip from the office window. Adults do not need to walk them in.

### **Parent/guardian pick up:**

Teachers need to know on the first day who is going to be a parent/guardian pick up. In order to save time on the busy first day, you can email your child's teacher now, with a copy to Ms. McGraw [tmcgraw@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:tmcgraw@wareham.k12.ma.us). Ms. McGraw is setting up the student pick-up list now. If you are picking up your child every day, you can write one note stating that and list all possible people who can pick up your child. This list is different than the emergency list of people on the registration form. If your child is normally a bus student, you can email your child's teacher first thing in the morning if you need to pick them up at the end of the school day, with a copy to Ms. McGraw. If you don't have access to email, you can write a note on paper. Student pick-up will take place before bus dismissal at **12:20 P.M.** Please park in the Town Hall parking lot and walk over with your mask on to doors #8 and #9. Please keep to 6 feet social distancing. You will give your name and your child's name to the duty staff. They will

check off the name of the adult who picked the child up. Students will be called from their spot in the hall to leave with you.

If your child is out sick, the only absences that are marked excused are those necessary for personal illness (doctor's note required), religious holidays, court appearances and bereavement. If your child is home on a remote day, please be sure your child completes the **Homeroom Attendance Form** daily in Google Classroom. This must be done EVERYDAY.

With the shortened day, we are not having snack breaks (unless a child has a medical need). Water bottles only are allowed to be brought in.

Before dismissal, students who are in school will be given a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to bring home. Students are **NOT** allowed to open the lunch bags on buses nor eat or drink anything on buses as this is a safety issue. Food will continue to be provided at the drop off sites for students who are home remotely.

Calendar dates:

10/12/2020 Columbus Day Holiday No-School

Additional information can be found at:

Minot Forest School Website: [www.warehamps.org](http://www.warehamps.org)

Facebook: Minot Forest Elementary School. Please answer the questions to be approved to join.

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<https://sites.google.com/wareham.k12.ma.us/wareham-public-schools/home>

If you wish to join the PTA, please email them at [WarehamPTA@gmail.com](mailto:WarehamPTA@gmail.com). A meeting schedule has been established and meetings will be held virtually. You can also join their Wareham PTA Facebook page by answering the questions in order to be approved.

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