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## Lower School Learning Plan School Year 2020-2021

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# THE LOWER SCHOOL APPROACH



In the Lower School (Grades K-5), we recognize the unique situations families may face as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold. According to parent survey data, 33% of our families have high risk individuals in the household and some students may need the flexibility to learn from home at various times throughout the school year due to risk, required quarantine or illness. We also know that a larger population of our families prefer a face-to-face (F2F) learning environment and are looking forward to on-campus learning.

**With these understandings, the Lower School has designed learning models that:**

1. Attend to students' physical safety, health and social-emotional well-being
2. Provide continuity of high-quality learning for students who may need to transition between face-to-face (F2F) and distance learning (DL) at designated times throughout the year
3. Are sustainable, with consideration for faculty and staff as well as students, in the event that conditions mandate that LJA Response Levels remain heightened for an extended period of time





Image: LJA Summer School (Phase II)  
students maintain physical distancing

# LEARNING MODELS

## YOUR CHOICE - FROM DAY ONE!

You will be offered a choice between face-to-face and distance learning prior to the start of school. You will then have the flexibility to switch back and forth between the models **on a quarterly basis**. Parents will be able to opt into distance learning in the event that the school's Response Level is increased (e.g., moving from level 1+ to 2), if your child or family is required to self-quarantine, or at the start of each quarter:

**Quarter 1: August 12- October 9 (Start of School - Fall break)**

**Quarter 2: October 19 - December 18 (Fall break - Winter break)**

**Quarter 3: January 5 - March 12 (Winter break - Spring Break)**

**Quarter 4: March 22 - June 2 (Spring Break - End-of-year)**

We recognize that each child has unique needs. You can opt one child into distance learning and another child into face-to-face learning on campus.



**More information about distance learning and how to opt in will be emailed to you on July 20.**

This email will include more information about what distance learning looks like, parent and student expectations, and parent training.

**You must reply by August 1 to opt into distance learning for the start of the school year.**

# LOWER SCHOOL TEAMING MODEL



**To ensure flexibility, sustainability and continuity of learning, the Lower School has designed a teaming approach to teaching.**

Students will benefit from working with all teachers on the grade level team. Teachers will curate daily learning experience(s), rotate and teach the lesson to each of the groups of students who've opted for face-to-face learning, and also deliver the lesson to the distance learning students for that grade level. Learning experiences may look different between environments but skills, concepts, and knowledge are aligned through our PYP Units of Inquiry. This is a significant and favorable change from our prior model, through which students received all instruction from just one teacher.

## **The Anchor Teacher**

All students (F2F and DL) will be assigned to an "Anchor Teacher". This teacher is similar to the classroom teacher you experienced last year. The Anchor Teacher develops a strong relationship with the student and their family, retains holistic oversight over your child's learning journey and well-being, and conferences with parents throughout the school year.



# LJA COVID-19 RESPONSE LEVELS

	Level 1 Low Risk	Level 1+ Increased Risk	Level 2 Heightened Risk	Level 3 High Risk
<b>Situation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated outbreaks</li> <li>No cases at LJA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing new cases</li> <li>Gov't restrictions on gathering/group size</li> <li>No cases at LJA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustained community spread</li> <li>Gov't restrictions on gathering/group size and travel</li> <li>Confirmed case(s) at LJA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widespread community transmission</li> <li>Gov't restrictions on gatherings, issues stay-at-home order</li> <li>Confirmed case(s) at LJA</li> </ul>
<b>Face-to-Face Learning Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LJA campuses open</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning/safety practices</li> <li>Physical distancing wherever possible (3-6 feet)</li> <li>Masking may be required</li> <li>Field trips and Athletics may take place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LJA campuses open</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning/safety practices</li> <li>Enhanced physical distancing</li> <li>Masking required where physical distancing cannot be maintained (For PK-2 mask wearing protocols will vary)</li> <li>Outdoor learning and centers emphasized</li> <li>Field trips limited to on-island w/ safety precautions</li> <li>Avoid airports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LJA campuses open</li> <li>Enhanced cleaning/safety practices</li> <li>Enhanced physical distancing</li> <li>Mask wearing mandatory</li> <li>Smaller group sizes enforced</li> <li>Seek to preserve "ohana bubbles"</li> <li>No field trips</li> <li>No travel</li> </ul>	<p><b>All campuses closed</b></p> <p>Note: Childcare may be offered for qualifying first-responder and LJA employee families with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced physical distancing</li> <li>Mandatory mask wearing (For PK-2, mask wearing protocols will vary)</li> <li>Small mixed age groups of students from the same families in same cohorts of 9 students + 1 teacher.</li> </ul>
<b>Distance Learning Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students engage remotely</li> <li>Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students engage remotely</li> <li>Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students engage remotely</li> <li>Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face</li> </ul>	<p><b>Distance Learning for all students</b></p>

*Note: Chart descriptions provide a generalized school wide overview. Division specifics can be found on pages 8 and 9.*

# FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING | AT-A-GLANCE

## LEVEL 1

Students are placed in class-sized groups of a **maximum 20 students in Grades K-1 and 22 students in Grades 2-5**. Students will experience **increased outdoor learning, physical distancing, and handwashing**. Students will be assigned to one **Anchor Teacher** with whom they start the day and form deeper relationships. Students will learn from each teacher on the grade-level team and benefit from subject-specific expertise. Students will interact with others across the grade levels at lunch and recess.

## LEVEL 1+

Students will be placed in **smaller group sizes**. Cohorts may need to be regrouped. A **modified specialist schedule may be implemented** to ensure physical distancing can occur in the classroom. Specialists and support staff may work more directly with cohorts of students to ensure smaller group sizes. Students will interact with others across the grade levels at lunch and recess. Mixing of students within the grade level occurs but is limited.

## LEVEL 2

**Students are placed in smaller “ohana bubbles”**, size of which will comply with government recommendations. “Ohana Bubbles” may need to be regrouped and a modified specialist schedule may be implemented to ensure physical distancing can occur in the classroom. Specialists and support staff may work more directly with “ohana bubbles” to ensure smaller group sizes. Limited movement across campus. Students learn in the **same designated rooms/outdoor spaces** throughout the day.

## LEVEL 3

Campus is closed. **Distance learning for all students**. Childcare may be offered for qualifying families.



# DISTANCE LEARNING | AT-A-GLANCE

## LEVEL 1

Students will be assigned **daily asynchronous learning experiences** by the grade level teachers **based on the learning taking place on campus**. **Live learning engagements** will also take place. The quantity and type of live learning engagements will differ by the age of the students. Expectations between distance learning students/families and the school are in place and agreed upon to ensure quality learning at home. **Students will be regularly assessed on their learning**. Learning experiences may look different between environments but **skills, concepts, and knowledge are aligned through our PYP Units of Inquiry**. More information by grade level to follow in our Distance Learning Guide (to be released July 20, 2020).

## LEVEL 1+

Same as Level 1 above.

## LEVEL 2

Based on parents survey data, we anticipate nearly 50% of students selecting the Distance Learning option. Students may be regrouped into **Distance Learning cohorts** for **increased engagement and student interaction**. Students will be assigned **daily asynchronous learning experiences** by the grade level teacher team. Daily live learning engagements will also take place, however the quantity and type of **live learning engagements will differ by the age development** of the students. More information by grade level will be communicated in the Distance Learning Guide (to be released July 20, 2020).

## LEVEL 3

Campus is closed. **Distance learning for all students**. Childcare may be offered for qualifying families.



Image: LJA Summer School (Phase II) Students in the Basic Digital Photography class maximize their outdoor learning time.

# ENHANCED LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY

In addition to its blended learning tools and technology to ensure that all classrooms are equipped with additional video conferencing tools, Lower School enhancements include:

**New! All Lower School students will be issued a 1:1 device!**



- K-2 students will receive an iPad to be used at school or at home in distance learning.
- Students in Grades 3-5 will be issued a Chromebook.
- Devices will be pre-loaded with all necessary learning tools. Devices will be tested carefully to ensure compatibility with all content students will access.
- Software will be consolidated and streamlined to simplify DL and enable student independence.
- Students will be given increased support to become independent on these devices to ensure a smooth transition to distance learning if necessary.
- Parent training events on students' devices will also be offered.
- UV lights will be used to disinfect devices on a regular basis.



# CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

We are deeply invested in ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. In addition to our campus-wide enhancements, you'll find the following improvements to support a healthy learning environment in the Lower School, including:

- New tents, awnings, and flexible furniture to support outdoor learning and physical distancing
- New filters in all air conditioning units
- Additional portable hand washing stations
- Blower fans in classrooms to increase and redirect air flow
- Enhanced disinfection procedures for classrooms, offices, and high touch areas
- New electrostatic sprayers for daily cleaning
- Additional nursing staff coverage and screened health areas
- Foot markers to support physical distancing protocols



# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EXPECT



## Last Year (2019-20)

## This Year (2020-21)

6-Day JARDIN rotating schedule

5-Day Monday-Friday Schedule

Each child assigned to one class with one teacher

Each child works with the teachers on the grade-level team. The student is assigned to an Anchor Teacher with whom they start the day. This teacher communicates and conferences with the family throughout the year.

All students were face-to-face (Fall) or in distance learning (Spring)

Families are given the choice of distance learning (DL) or face-to-face (F2F) on campus at designated times throughout the school year.

Classroom Learning

Additional outdoor learning awnings, shade tents, and outdoor furniture installed to optimize outdoor learning to enhance air flow and physical distancing.

Students used home devices with option to check devices out from the school

Every K-5 student will be issued a school device for 1:1 use in F2F and/or DL. In K-2, iPads are coming! Grade 3-5 students will be issued Chromebooks.

Communal supplies provided by the school

Individual supplies provided by the school including pencil case, headphones, and 1:1 devices.

# CHANGES TO EXPECT (continued)



## Last Year (2019-20)

## This Year (2020-21)

Lunch in the Wang	Students will be spread out for lunch on outdoor lanai areas, courtyards, and in the Wang auditorium. Snack will take place on outdoor lanai areas.
Field Trips	Limited Field Trips. Outdoor field trips may proceed with the use of LJA buses and vans as we have oversight of sanitation and cleaning. Parents may opt out of field trips during the year.
No self-screening	All students, faculty, staff, visitors must complete the self-screening form prior to arriving on campus. Keep sick children home.
Handwashing and sanitizing	Enhanced handwashing stations and times built into the schedule between learning experiences and transitions. Increased sanitizing of learning materials takes place throughout the day.
Parents and other visitors allowed on campus at any time.	Parents and other visitors are not allowed on campus unless prior arrangements are made. All parents and visitors on campus must conduct a self-screening, check in with the front desk for an LJA badge to be worn while on campus.
Sick Policy - 24-hour rule Students not permitted on campus for 24 hours following a fever of 100 degrees or higher.	72-hour rule. Sick children must be kept home, and may only return to school after 72 hours with no symptoms. Protocols for sick students and faculty are in place, as is a COVID Response Plan the event of a COVID-19 case on campus.





SAVE THE DATE!

# Lower School Parent Info Session

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August 4, 2020  
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: How do I know campus is safe for students?**

A: In this learning model, each teacher designs and facilitates one extraordinary learning session per day for distance learning and face-to-face students. Your child will typically start the day with their anchor teacher in a morning meeting. Then, your child will rotate through the grade level team of teachers as they facilitate the learning experiences through our units of inquiry.

**Q: Will my child be required to wear a mask on campus?**

A: In levels 1 and 1+ masks are optional outside or when 6 feet apart inside for students Grades K-2. Students in Grades 3-5 must wear masks indoors. All students may be required by a teacher to mask when working collaboratively within 6 feet, in communal or close quarters, indoors, and/or during fire drills. In level 2, masks will be mandatory at all times on campus. At any level LJA students will be required to bring two (2) masks per day in a labeled ziploc bag. Mask requirements by LJA Level are explained in further detail in the table on pg.7.

**Q: What will be expected of me and my child if we select the distance learning (DL) option?**

A: Parents of children in distance learning will be expected to facilitate a conducive learning environment that supports student learning at home. A detailed list of parent expectations is located in the Lower School Distance Learning Guide (released July 20)

**Q: If I select distance learning, can my child still participate in on-campus after school events and activities? (sports, extracurriculars, etc.)**

A: Yes. You can select the distance learning option and enroll your child in on-campus after school activities with the understanding that you must complete a self-screening form for your child each day prior to arrival on campus.

**Q: How can I learn more about opting my child into distance learning?**

A: More information about distance learning, parent and student expectations, and parent training will be emailed to you on July 20. You will find a link to opt into distance learning for Quarter 1 (Start of year - Fall Break). Parents need to reply by August 1 to opt into DL for the start of the school year arrival on campus.

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