Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we want you to have some important information about what to expect. Based on public health guidance, the first nine weeks of school will be delivered remotely. In the next week, you will receive more details about:

- your student orientation date and time
- student assessments
- health and safety protocols
- remote learning expectations

The First Three Weeks of Remote Learning

For the first three weeks of school, students will login to Canvas daily via their NCED Cloud account. To login, students will need their student ID # (lunch/media number) and their password. Your child's student # can be found on their individual Schedule Card that is a part of this mailing. Please see the enclosed sheet that tells you how to specifically login to NCED Cloud that will give your student access to both Canvas and their PowerSchool Account. Students will have recorded lessons daily with assignments to complete. Students will turn in assignments to teachers. Assignments will be graded and student attendance will be monitored by classroom teachers.

During the first three weeks, students will have a set time each day that they login for a live meeting with their teacher(s). There is also time each day for small groups and individual student conferencing. Recorded lessons will include math, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Art, Physical Education, Global Languages, Library/Media and social and emotional learning opportunities (like tips for managing stress and getting to know you activities).

Following the first three weeks, live daily online instruction will begin September 8th and families will receive more details on the next six weeks of remote learning during their student orientation appointment. Supports for remote learning can be found on our school's website https://www.gcsnc.com/kernodle_middle in a section called "Remote Learning" and on the www.gcsnc.com homepage under the Reopening Schools tab.

Technology and Hotspots

GCS will send out 125 smart buses with internet access while students are participating in remote learning. Buses will be located at various sites throughout Greensboro and High Point. Wireless internet access is available in several school parking lots. The list of the 24 schools with outdoor internet can be found at https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64905

Where to Get School Meals/Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Through August 31st meals are available for children under the age of eighteen at 41 schools and 65 neighborhood locations. Information on the times of service and the locations can be found at https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64834

Starting September 1st, GCS students or the parent/guardian of a GCS student can pick up meals at all schools. Times of services will be announced prior to September 1st.

The application for free & reduced meals can be found at www.gcsnc.com homepage under the Reopening Schools tab. This application can be completed by any parent/guardian of a student in a Guilford County School at any point during the school year. All families at all schools are encouraged to complete this application as approval may qualify a family for additional benefits during the global pandemic.

School Operating Hours

We look forward to serving you and your family during remote learning. We are following strict guidelines to protect our teachers and staff during this time. Our teachers and staff will be working from the school site during the nine weeks of remote learning. The school will be open to parents and visitors by appointment only. Please call 336-545-3717 to request an appointment time. Upon arrival for your appointment, you will be asked to have your temperature taken near the front entrance. We ask that only the student and the person with the appointment enter the building. All visitors will be required to wear a mask inside the school. Once inside the building we ask that you follow the one-way directional floor signs and remain 6-feet from other people at all times. The school will be open each day from 8:00-4:00. We will close each day at 4:00 in order for the building to be completely cleaned and sanitized each night.

Each Core 1 teacher looks forward to seeing all students in the live meeting on the first day of school. Please ensure that your child has gained access to his/her NCED Cloud account that will provide them access to Canvas and PowerSchool prior to August 17th so that they are able to log in and join their Core 1 teacher's meeting starting at 9:00. Please email your Core 1 teacher if you need help with logging in to NCED Cloud and/or call the school and we will assist you. We area also placing announcements and information on the school's Facebook page, so we invite you to like our Facebook page.

In partnership,

Principal ~ Kernodle Middle School