



Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family are continuing to stay healthy and safe. As we prepare for the start of the new school year, we share your concerns in managing the “new normal” as it relates to the education of our children and COVID-19. We are excited for the day when children can all return safely to school and the School Age Care (SAC) program. We know that the local school district is working diligently to create the best environment for learning in the new normal and that changes are happening daily.

We want to assure you that our SAC program is developing plans to meet both your childcare needs and the educational support of your children. As our school system develops their final plans for the year, we will modify our SAC program to provide support for the children enrolled in SAC who may be required to complete virtual or remote learning during their time in our care.

We will structure our program day to include consistent times for children to complete school assignments and for children to connect to virtual or remote learning resources as needed. The SAC program will provide time, access, and space to assist your child in making the decision to work on their school assignments. The SAC program staff will support children as they complete their school assignments to the best of their abilities, but the SAC program staff are not a replacement for our children’s teachers.

To optimize your child’s success at SAC during this time, we request that you collaborate with us in the following areas:

- We will require cloth face coverings to be worn by children while participating in the SAC program when physical distancing cannot be supported. We will not require cloth face coverings to be worn during physical play, while eating, and for children who have an identified health concern. We ask that you communicate with your child about the importance of wearing a cloth face coverings as a means of protection for others in-group settings. In SAC, we will collaborate with families to implement recommendations to minimize any potential infectious spread among children and adults. We request that you provide a minimum of two clean cloth face coverings for your child on a daily basis.
- We ask that you communicate to your child an expectation that a portion of their time at SAC will be dedicated to completing school assignments and that there will also be ample time for play; as the SAC staff will communicate this same message to our children.
- We ask that you share your child’s virtual or remote learning schedule with us so that we may better understand your child’s online requirements.



CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- We ask that you create clear plans with your child on which school assignments are to be completed while at SAC and which school assignments are to be completed at home. Please share these details with the SAC staff, daily or weekly, so that we better understand how to support your child while in our care. We encourage you to provide a personally owned device for your child's schoolwork and/or work with your school to request the necessary devices for your child to successfully complete their school assignments. While we do have technology available at SAC, we know that children are most successful in learning when they use devices that they are familiar and comfortable with using and devices that have all of the appropriate software and programs required by their school. We ask that you prepare your child at home to use their device(s) and send all of the necessary components (e.g. headphones, webcams, power cords) to SAC, as necessary. All personally owned or school-issued devices will only be used during "school focused" time and will be secured when not in use.
- Lastly, we ask that you provide the SAC staff with the usernames and passwords necessary for your child to access the devices and programs. This will help us better help your child complete their school assignments while in our care.

We appreciate your patience as we shift to support learning while providing a safe and caring environment for your child. This is new for all of us, and we will be continuing to update and make changes as needed.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at the information provided below.

Sincerely,
Cathy Knapp
Catherine.knapp@eu.navy.mil
DSN 727-2458