



Dear Parents,

For 2020-21, we continue to dedicate ourselves to maintaining the caring, creative, compassionate, and loving environment that is Aurora Waldorf School. As a supportive school community, we prioritize a safe and healthy campus. We want to partner with our families to support each child's adherence to safety and health measures while they are on campus and at home. Before the start of school, we ask you and your child (if developmentally appropriate) to carefully read and sign the 2020-21 Agreement to Support AWS Safety & Health.

Adherence to these guidelines will express our care for ourselves and each other. All members of the Aurora Waldorf School (AWS) community have a shared responsibility to prevent the spread of illness when they are aware of or suspect that they have contracted an infectious disease. All members of our school community must remain committed to the practices listed in this pledge to help keep students, staff, faculty, and families safe and healthy.

To re-open and to continue in-person learning while minimizing person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 and protecting those most vulnerable to the disease, AWS has established these behavioral expectations for AWS students, employees, and families. We will need our entire community's full support to keep our campus healthy and safe and minimize periods of remote learning.

As a community that prioritizes safety and health, we must all do our part to adhere to state and county health recommendations to control the transmission and potential future outbreaks of COVID-19. As a school with an educational charter granted by the NY State Education Department, we are obligated to follow the NYS Department of Health regulations. Moreover, there may be times when we ask families to comply with broader safety measures. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

We recognize that these challenging times call for changes in how we conduct our school operations and our own lives. Living in a time of COVID-19 necessitates these temporary changes to protect everyone: our students, faculty, staff, and community, to the best of our abilities. We must all agree – and understand that everyone else on campus has agreed – to abide by specific behavioral guidelines so that everyone on campus has a reasonable sense of security. These guidelines may be modified over time as changes warrant.

We ask parents and families to discuss health and safety regarding both on- and off-campus spaces and personal relationships, and to each do their part in protecting the community.

Stronger Together,

Anna Harp, Administrator on behalf of the Reopening Task Force