



# Milford Brook School

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## MILFORD BROOK SCHOOL DELAYED OPENING INFORMATION FOR 20-21

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are well and have had a good start to the new year!

As we continue through winter, there is always the possibility that the district will need to call a 90-minute delayed opening due to bad weather. In the event a 90-minute delayed opening needs to be called for our school due to inclement weather, please be aware that school hours for our 1-5 students would be 10:50 AM – 2:50 PM.

More specific information is outlined below to help guide you in any questions you may have.

### **If I drive my child, what time is drop-off and what time is parent pickup for students in Grades 1-5?**

The official student start time for MB is 9:20 AM. On a delayed opening, adding 90-minutes makes the official start time for MB, 10:50 AM and students would attend school in-person if it is their assigned hybrid day or if they are an “every day” in-person student,

Due to COVID parameters in place this year, student drop-off is permitted as early as 9:05 AM. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, students can be dropped off by parents/guardians as early as 10:35 AM once staff are outside to assist with drop-off.

Currently, our students in grades 1-5 students are operating on a 4-hour in-person schedule which ends at 1:20 PM on a typical school day this year. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, the student day will end 90-minutes after the 1:20 PM time which is 2:50 PM.

Parent pickup for students in grades 1-5 is normally at 1:10 PM. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, parent pickup is at 2:40 PM. Please do not arrive before 2:35 PM.

### **What if my child is a hybrid student in grades 1-5 and the delay is called on their “remote” day?**

Hybrid students working on their remote/virtual day would follow the same 90-minute delay schedule. Remote students would log in at 10:50 AM and their virtual day would end at 2:50 PM.

### **How is busing impacted?**

Add 90-minutes to your child’s regular drop-off and pick-up time, but please also remember that the weather and conditions of the road may impact this time. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Please remember that the end of the school day is later than usual on a 90-minute delayed opening schedule, so please ensure you have made arrangements, such as for childcare, for such. Having a backup plan just in case is always recommended. Remember: **STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-5 WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THEIR REGULAR BUS STOPS WHETHER OR NOT AN ADULT IS PRESENT.**

**What about AM and PM kindergarten on a 90-minute delayed opening schedule?**

When a 90-minute delay is called, **our AM and PM kindergarten students will remain virtual for that school day. There will be one combined virtual session for AM and PM students with their teacher.** This 2.5 hour session will begin at 10:50 AM and conclude at 1:20 PM. Students will utilize Google Meets and teacher will email more information.

**What if my child is in a “Before-the-School Day” MB program?**

**Beyond (Before) the School Day Math and ELA Groups:** In the event of a *delayed opening*, our Beyond-the-School Day ELA and Mathematics programs will still occur. Student drop off (when there is a delayed opening) for these academic support groups is 90 minutes after the original start time.

- For example, if the group is scheduled for drop-off at 8:05 AM, you would drop your child off at 9:35 AM.
- If the group is scheduled for drop-off at 8:15 AM, you would drop your child off at 9:45 AM.
- Your child’s “Beyond the School Day” teacher will send you specific information pertaining to that class.

**Will there be the 80-minute afternoon virtual students for children in grades 1-5?**

On a 90-minute delayed opening day, there will be **no 80-minute afternoon virtual instruction** after the in-person day ends.

**How can I find out if we are on a 90-minute delayed opening schedule?**

Information regarding such is shared through various ways, which can include the following:

**District Web Site:** [www.mersnj.us](http://www.mersnj.us)

**District Facebook Site:** [www.facebook.com/MERSDistrict/](http://www.facebook.com/MERSDistrict/)

**Television Stations:** NEWS 12 NEW JERSEY, Channels 4, 5 & 7

**District All Call/Emergency Phone Call Notification System:** Parents will be notified about school closings through our District’s Emergency Phone Call Notification System. Messages will be left for all parents on the phone numbers provided in Genesis. . Please ensure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date in Genesis.