



Revised Reopening Guidance for Government Schools for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Further to the release of the *PREVENTION, CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION OF COVID-19 (PARTIAL LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS) (NO.4) REGULATIONS, 2020*, and the announcements at the Cayman Islands Government Press Conference, both of August 25, 2020, the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands and the Department of Education Services, are issuing revised guidance to schools and the general public regarding the reopening of schools.

Changes to Guidance

Based on the new regulations, the following restrictions have been impacted:

Previous guidance	NEW guidance to be observed
Wearing of masks on school buses is mandatory.	No change.
Wearing of masks in school is mandatory unless sitting at a desk eating or working without talking.	Wearing of masks in class is optional.
Students observe 6 feet physical distancing outdoors or inside on the corridors.	No requirement to physically distance; however, physical contact is strongly discouraged.
Students observe 3 feet physical distancing inside the classrooms.	No requirement to physically distance; however, physical contact is strongly discouraged.

School Reopening

Guidance was previously issued for school reopening. The changes to the arrangements for school reopening are as follows:

Primary Schools

Previous guidance	NEW guidance to be observed
Primary schools on Grand Cayman and West End Primary School on Cayman Brac, welcoming back Reception and Years 1, 2 and 6 on August 26, 2020.	No change.
Little Cayman Education Service, and Creek and Spot Bay Primary Schools on Cayman Brac welcoming back all students including the Nursery class on August 26, 2020.	No change.
Online classes for Years 3, 4 and 5 in primary schools in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac from August 26, 2020; with a return to in-person classes on September 9, 2020.	Years 3, 4 and 5 will return to in-person classes on Monday, August 31, 2020.

Parents of primary aged students were advised of the staggered start to school based on their child's year group. In order to prepare for a full return to school earlier than anticipated, parents are being given time to ensure all resources and necessary arrangements are in place for a start on August 31, 2020.

High Schools

Previous guidance	NEW guidance to be observed
High schools on Grand Cayman (John Gray High School and Clifton Hunter High School) conducting on-site orientation August 25 – 28, 2020, and welcoming back Years 7, 10 and 11 on August 31, 2020.	No change.
Cayman Islands Further Education Centre conducting orientation August 26 – 28, 2020, and welcoming back all students on August 31, 2020.	No change.
High schools in Grand Cayman (John Gray High School and Clifton Hunter High School) conducting online orientation on August 26 – 27, 2020, online classes for Years 8 and 9 with a return to in-person classes on September 9, 2020.	Years 8 and 9 will return to in-person classes on Monday, August 31, 2020.
Layman E. Scott Sr. High School on Cayman Brac: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• conducting on-site orientation on August 24 – 25, 2020 and online orientation on August 25, 2020;• welcoming back Years 7, 10, 11, 12 on August 26, 2020;• welcoming back UCCI Dual Entry students on August 31, 2020;• conducting online classes for Years 8 and 9, with a return to in-person classes on September 9, 2020.	Years 8 and 9 will return to in-person classes on Monday, August 31, 2020.

High schools are conducting orientation during the week of August 24, 2020, which is already scheduled and is critically important for the students; these orientation sessions will continue. Parents will also be provided with the opportunity to ensure all preparations are completed and resources acquired for a full return to in-person classes for their students on August 31, 2020.

Lighthouse School

Previous guidance	NEW guidance to be observed
Lighthouse School conducting on-site orientation on August 25, 2020, online orientation on August 24 – 25, 2020, and welcoming back all students on August 26, 2020.	No change.