



## Frequently Asked Questions – Registration Mamaroneck Union Free School District

Parents:

My apologies, for the impersonal reply – as you may be aware we provide programming to multiple school districts, and this summer planning has been a challenge as all of us adapt to what will be the safest way to return to serving your children.

Our training is on-going and adaptive, we are guided by the Boys & Girls Club of America ([www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)) and learn from clubs nationally who have operated safely these past months. Additionally, we adhere to CDC and NYS Office of Children and Family Services guidelines, who license our programs. If you are not familiar with us, we have been serving children in New Rochelle and surrounding communities for over 90 years – helping children is who we are.

This document may not address everything, but I hope it gives you more information, and please reach out if you need more information to:

Registration/Account/Payment Issues Virginia [Vbeirne@bgcncr.org](mailto:Vbeirne@bgcncr.org) or 914-712-8976

Program Content/Safety/On-site Questions: Cynthia Alvarez, [calvarez@bgcncr.org](mailto:calvarez@bgcncr.org)

There will be site- specific information coming shortly as well as a “get to know us” webinar prior to program’s start. If your child begins with us, and it is not the right fit, just reach out to me and I will cancel your enrollment.

Thank you & Welcome Back!

*Virginia & Cynthia*



## Why are you not in each elementary school?

The school district decided not to host us at the individual elementary school sites out of concern for social distancing.

The district still wanted to find a way to serve the children and the community and offered us the opportunity to do a morning and an afternoon program using Hommocks Middle School and Mamaroneck High School; and assist in transporting students to/from their in-school learning. We know this may not meet every parent's need.

The children will remain separate from the high school & middle school students.

Our programs are based in the cafeterias at both schools. There is security at our schools, School Security leaves around 4:15 PM, and our staff are trained in school safety procedures.

## Will you support remote learning, do they need to bring their own laptop/iPad? Will they have Wi -Fi Access?

Yes, our program is preparing to assist all children with on-line activities offered by the district. We are still learning about our members virtual class schedules. We serve multiple grade levels, if there is a conflict, we will communicate it to you.

If your child has remote learning, they should bring their laptop or iPad. We will have access to the in-school Wi-Fi network. We will also provide help with school assignments and opportunity for independent reading.

## What will children do when there is no remote learning?

Our programming will use Boys & Girls Club of America Age-Appropriate Curriculum including Triple Play: Mind, Body and Soul, Healthy Habits, STEM, Arts & Crafts, Power Hour/Reading Time as well as the MyFuture platform. We will adapt to the needs of our students. We are planning on doing a lot of social emotional learning, as we know that these past months have been hard for our members.

Here is a link for more information on Boys & Girls Club of America <https://www.bgca.org/i-am-a/parent?>



## Will the children go outside?

We also would love to provide outdoor play, but that decision is pending upon the school's permission.

## Lunch/Snacks?

Yes, you can pack a lunch/snacks for your child. All children will have lunch with us before or after attending their in-school learning. The district will confirm if they are able to provide bagged lunch.

## Masks/Social Distancing?

Members and Staff are required to wear masks at all times unless they are eating lunch/snack or outside and more than 6 feet apart. Our Staff will work with groups of 10 children or less, safely distanced.

## Staffing?

At each site we have a Director, an Assistant Director (AD) and Youth Development Professionals (YDP). Our YDP's will be responsible for monitoring their "pod" or group of 10 children and provide learning assistance and activities. Our Directors and AD's will be responsible for overseeing the YDP's, program development & the overall safe running of their program.

## Cleaning/Child Safety?

In addition to the cleaning done by the school, BGCNR will be cleaning regularly: before, during and after our programming. We have one staff member at each site who will be dedicated to cleaning/disinfecting materials and/or commonly touched areas. We will be asking parents to bring in their child's own materials so that they are not sharing materials with others. This will be sent out within the first week of the program. The materials that they do share (these will be limited) will be disinfected prior and after use.

Our programs operate at separate schools, there will be no cross-sharing of space between the AM and PM attendees.



A Bus Monitor will travel with children to/from the schools, buses will be sanitized daily and between drop-off and pick-up.

What about extended care for PM in-school, or early care for AM in-school?

We realize our programs do not meet every family's needs. We have heard your request especially for extended care (3 – 6 PM) for children in-school in the afternoon. Without being at the school, this would require additional transportation to a different site. We cannot bring them into the Hommocks Program as that defeats the district's goal of keeping the AM/PM separate. This is also true for Morning Care for AM in-school students as well. If you need these options let us know, and we are hoping to find a solution.

This is such a new environment for all of us, and for all we don't know – please take assurance that we want what is best for your child; and we hope the exchange of questions and information with you will better prepare them for the school year ahead. We will continue to update these questions, and welcome more.