

# Rising K Parent Questions and Answers

## **Transportation:**

**Q: Where will we find out the information about bus routes, stops, and how my kid will come to school on the first day?**

A: Bus routes are posted to the WCPSS Website. This information is generally posted by mid-August.

**Q: Is transportation information mailed by Wake County transportation?**

A: Yes

**Q: What is Cedar Fork's Twitter ID?**

A: @CedarForkES

**Q: Can I still ask for a carpool tag even if I signed my daughter up for school bus as her transportation?**

A: Yes, you may get a carpool tag at the beginning of the school year.

**Q: Can I also send a letter/message to the Kindergarten teacher if in case there is a change in transportation, aside from calling the office?**

A: Yes, all teachers can be notified via email or a note can be sent in your child's daily folder if there is a change for that day.

**Q: Where and how to get school bus transportation? Is there a website to see that information?**

A: [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net); parents tab; transportation tab. At the time of registration, if you indicated transportation was needed, a request was already submitted.

**Q: Is the carpool number the same for a sibling Kindergartner as the older one?**

A: Yes

**Q: Should "walkers" be accompanied by adults always?**

A: Yes, they have to be accompanied by an adult when walking to and from school. Fifth graders are allowed to walk alone if they are in a designated walk zone.

**Q: Can we nominate an adult friend to pick up kid if parents are stuck with other appointments?**

A: There will be a student information card completed. This card includes the names of all adults approved to pick up your child.

**Q: Can kids bike to school?**

A: Yes, if you are considered in the walk zone and you are walking with your child as they are riding their bike.

**Q: Will I get any phone message about bus delay/drivers/etc?**

A: Please download the app; *Here Comes the Bus* to track the school bus. You will need your child's ID and code: 67500 You will not receive a phone message about delays or sub drivers.

**Q: Are parents allowed to travel with kids on the bus?**

A: No

**Q: Where do we drop children off and pick them up if we are walkers?**

A: The students will be dropped off at the front door of the school. The walkers will be picked up at the door around the left side of the school near the bus loop.

**Q: For carpool, how does staff/safety patrol match me/my car with my child?**

A: You will receive a carpool tag during Staggered Entry or Meet the Teacher. Your child will also get a tag with that number. For the first two weeks of school, our Kindergarten students are escorted to their designated area for dismissal. After the first two weeks, your child will utilize the Google Dismissal system to walk to their designated area (buses, carpool, or walker door.)

**Q: How does pick up from Stingray Academy work?**

A: Parents will come to the bus loop and walk into the side door of the cafeteria to sign out the student.

**Q: How can I get more information about Stingray Academy and the Cedar Fork Community Center (before & after school care)- hours, cost, etc?**

A: Click on the link: [Stingray Academy](#) If you are interested in before or afterschool care at the community center you will need to call (919)463-7100

**Q: Are the entry dates for stingray academy same as school?**

A: Click on the link in the above answer.

**Q: My child's staggered entry date is August 30. Is it going to be a full day on that day? Will there be after care on that day?**

A: Yes, the first bell rings at 8:45am and school begins at 9:15am. Dismissal begins at 3:45pm. If your child is set up with after school care, they can go there at dismissal.

**Q: How can we register for a particular bus route if we haven't done that at the time of registration?**

A: Contact Ms. Doreen Elliot at [delliot@wcpss.net](mailto:delliot@wcpss.net).

**Q: How can I re register for bus transportation if my address changes?**

A: In the event of an address change, you will need to contact the school and provide a new proof of residency such as an electric bill. From their, our data manager will also assist in how to make changes to transportation.

**Q: Did we already register for bus transportation when we gave the application form?**

A: If you indicated your child needed the bus, it has been already been requested.

**Q: How do we get to know that our kids get onto the right bus? Do we help with this?**

A: In the past, parents have sent their child on the school bus for staggered entry. The buses are labeled with a colored sign and number that matches the route. You may also use the Here Comes the Bus App to track the bus. We will also have staff members the first two weeks helping students get off and on the bus safely and walking them to their classroom.

## **Academic:**

**Q: Is staggered entry day a full day? Do parents need to be present?**

A: Yes, staggered entry is a full school day. Parents are allowed to sign their child in but do not stay at school with their child.

**Q: If my child forgets lunch/doesn't have lunch money, what happens?**

A: Your child's teacher will contact you and the cafeteria will provide your child with a small lunch for that day. We recommend that you keep emergency money (\$3.00) in your child's lunch account throughout the year.

**Q: What if my child forgets afternoon snack?**

A: Your child's teacher *may* have extra snacks to provide. However, teachers do not provide snacks on a daily basis. If you would like, you may donate snacks to your child's classroom to keep for emergencies.

**Q: Will kids come on August 27th and continue to September 4th or is that the first day of introduction and the next day of starting will be September 4th?**

A: Your child will only come one day for staggered entry. If the last name of your child begins with A-F, they will need to come on August 27th and will not return to school until September 4th. From September 5th on, your child will come to school every day.

**Q: Does my child need to go to language assessment if she understands, but won't speak it?**

A: Yes. If any other language other than English is spoken in your home, your child will need to go and complete the language assessment on **July 14th at Penny Road Elementary School at 11:00am.**

**Q: Is there a snack time or do they only have an opportunity to eat at lunch?**

A: Yes, children have snack every day for about 10-15 minutes. Please provide a snack for your child each day. It helps if it is in a separate bag labeled "snack."

**Q: What day to bring supplies?**

A: We ask that you bring supplies either at meet the teacher on August 31st or on their first day, September 4th. Please do not bring supplies on the staggered entry day because we will not know who your child's teacher will be.

**Q: Do you not encourage first 10 minutes of lunch to be silent to ensure children eat?**

A: We do not because all classes come into the cafeteria at staggered times. Please have your child practice eating his/her lunch first before talking to friends. This will also be something we will work on at school.

**Q: Other elementary schools offer rest time during the first few weeks. Does Cedar Fork?**

A: We do not offer rest time because we would like the children to learn the school routines from the very beginning.

**Q: How do you sign up/get a login for PowerSchool?**

A: You will receive and complete information for the parent portal account when you come to school for Meet the Teacher.

**Q: How do I communicate in case my daughter has to take leave due to sickness or an unplanned event?**

A: You may call the school (919.388.5240) the day of, send an e-mail to your child's teacher, or a note once your child returns explaining the reason for the absence.

**Q: How do we know that my child has a guaranteed seat in Cedar Fork?**

A: All emails have been sent to parents confirming seats at Cedar Fork for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not received an email, please contact Ms. Doreen Elliot at [delliot@wcpss.net](mailto:delliot@wcpss.net).

**Q: Is it only hot lunches that need to be dropped off in the office? Sandwiches, backpack, etc.**

A: We ask that you send your child to school with his/her backpack, lunch, and snack daily. We understand if he/she forgets their backpack at home and then you may drop it off in the office. If you would like to drop off a hot lunch, you may. However, we would like the students to get into the routine of unpacking their belongings in the morning at school to promote independence.

**Q: Can we have more information about eating with our child?**

A: After October 1st, you may join your child for lunch in the cafeteria whenever you would like. Once your child is assigned a teacher, the teacher will share a schedule that has the lunch time on it.

**Q: Is there any dress code for Kindergarten?**

A: We would like students to wear clothing that fits and is comfortable for them during the day. We recommend sneakers daily to prevent accidents on the playground and at P.E.

**Q: Can you email the school supply list?**

A: The list is in the presentation which can be found on the Cedar Fork website. We will also post supply lists in June on the Cedar Fork website.

**Q: Can lunch be sent along in the morning in their backpack?**

A: Yes, we ask that you send lunch or lunch money daily in your child's backpack to promote independence. If your child is buying lunch, you can also add money to his/her lunch account found on the Cedar Fork website: <http://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

**Q: Is there a program for gifted children and do you assess for this?**

A: Testing for the Academically/Intellectually Gifted program begins in 3rd grade and every child will be assessed at that time.

**Q: How do you sign up for the Ready4K text messages?**

A: Text **R4K WC** to **70138**

**Q: What date is the Kindergarten first day?**

A: Please refer to the presentation for the staggered entry dates (August 27-30th) to see which day your child attends. The first day for all Kindergarten students will be September 4th.

**Q: Is there a penalty for tardies?**

A: We highly encourage students to get to school before 9:15am to allow them time to get unpacked, interact with their peers, and begin their day!

**Health:**

**Q: If my child gets sick/hurt on a day the nurse isn't on site, what happens?**

A: The front office staff are trained in First Aid/CPR and will make sure they take care of your child. They will contact you if needed. If students have a fever or have thrown up they will be sent home and can only return after they have been fever free or haven't thrown up for 24 hrs.

**Q: Can my child pack peanut butter products for lunch?**

A: Yes, we are not a peanut free school. If your child has an allergy to any food products, please contact our nurse, [skhitchcock@wcpss.net](mailto:skhitchcock@wcpss.net) to set up an allergy plan.

**We look forward to seeing you in the Fall!**

