

Lumin Education Parent 2020 Fall Q&A

General Questions

- Overall Q1. **What about items left at Lumin LPCS such as clothes?**
Overall A1. **Teachers have packaged those up and we can provide them to you when we schedule pick-up of learning packets or computers (currently scheduled for August 17-19, with more details to follow).**
- Overall Q2. **Will there still be a full-day PreK option or only 8am to 11:30am?**
Overall A2. **We plan on having a full-day PreK option. There will be limited enrollment.**
- Overall Q3. **Will meals be provided again for children that qualify?**
Overall A3. **Yes. During At-Home learning, we will have curbside service Mondays and Thursdays for those families who enroll in and pay (if applicable) for the child nutrition program. Enrollment forms have gone out in the mail to parents and can be accessed on the school website as well.**

At-Home Learning

- At-Home Learning Q1. **Will parents need to provide Laptop/ Tablet?**
At-Home Learning A1. **If you do not have your own laptop or tablet, Lumin will be provide one for each child that is Kindergarten or older. Pick-up dates for packets and laptops or tablets is scheduled for August 17-19. More detailed information will be provided prior to that time.**
- At-Home Learning Q2. **Will the At-Home learning model be an all-day environment? (M-F 8:00-3:00)?**
At-Home Learning A2. **There will be some specific times you and the child must be available for a Zoom meeting or teacher lesson and there will also likely be some flexibility outside those times.**
- At-Home Learning Q3. **If so, would you consider allowing working parents some flexibility to make it work? (M, W, F, S, S)**
At-Home Learning A3. **Currently, TEA has been specific that for the child to be counted present the child will need to be involved per our learning plan on Monday through Friday. There may be some flexibility to do work on Saturday and Sunday, but there will be a required level of participation on Monday through Friday.**
- At-Home Learning Q4. **Will we be able to borrow materials to work with children at home?**

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- At-Home Learning A4. **We will not be loaning out classroom materials, however, teachers are preparing learning kits for the children which include some materials similar to those in the classroom.**
- At-Home Learning Q5. **Do I have to do the full semester of At-Home learning or can I change to At-School learning during the semester and vice versa?**
- At-Home Learning A5. **Parents may opt-in or opt-out of At-Home learning at the end of each nine-week grading period. At-home learning for all students begins on August 20th and the deadline for selection of At-Home or At-School option is September 3rd. The At-School learning option becomes available on September 17th.**
- At-Home Learning Q6. **When will I know Zoom/daily schedule?**
- At-Home Learning A6. **Teachers will finalize curriculum for the best learning environment for our students during the planning period beginning in early August. Details about the schedule will be shared before the first day of school on August 20th.**
- At-Home Learning Q7. **If parents are not able to connect through Zoom what is the next option or what else can they do to connect?**
- At-Home Learning A7. **Since Zoom is the program we are using for group interaction as well as teacher child interaction, we need children and parents to be able to connect through Zoom. If there is a technical difficulty with doing this, please contact your School Director and they can see if there are resources to help you get connected. .**
- At-Home Learning Q8. **If my child does not want to participate in online zoom sessions, will there be an accommodation?**
- At-Home Learning A8. **Since Zoom is the program we are using for group interaction as well as teacher child interaction, we would need to understand what the challenge is in this situation. Please contact your School Director.**
- At-Home Learning Q9. **Will the classes be scheduled separately timewise for siblings with 1 computer?**
- At-Home Learning A9. **If you do not have your own laptop or tablet, Lumin will be provide one for each child that is Kindergarten or older. Pick-up dates for laptops or tablets is scheduled for August 17-19. More detailed information will be provided prior to that time.**
- At-Home Learning Q10. **For At-Home learning... how much time are children going to need to spend on the computer?**
- At-Home Learning A10. **Teachers will finalize curriculum for the best learning environment for our students during the planning period beginning in early August. Details about the schedule will be shared before the first day of school on August 20th.**

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Students will not be spending all day on the computer; class time will be divided between online and offline activities, reading, and other activities.

At-Home Learning Q11. **Is it still true that the At-Home teacher would be different than her teacher from last year, but At-School learning she would get same teacher as last year?**

At-Home Learning A11. **During the initial school opening of At-Home learning, your child will have a classroom teacher. When we have the At-School program open and you have chosen the At-Home learning option your teacher will be a different teacher than the classroom teacher.**

At-Home Learning Q12. **Will the parents be responsible for purchases to support At-Home learning? For instance, buying Montessori materials or other items?**

At-Home Learning A12. **The school will be providing a supply kit or binder of supplies and materials for home use. We currently do not anticipate a need for families to purchase items. There could be a need to purchase miscellaneous small supplies throughout the year.**

At-Home Learning Q13. **If a child starts with At-Home Learning how will they transition to At-School learning?**

At-Home Learning A13. **We are working out the details of that transition.**

At-Home Learning Q14. **The survey mentioned Parent Zoom Class training. Is this still in the plan and when will we have more info?**

At-Home Learning A14. **We would like to provide this training and will provide more information as it becomes available.**

At-Home Learning Q15. **What will the class work look like? For instance, this spring there were the same writing prompts and lessons for different ages and classes joined together similar activities, videos, garden time and art projects.**

At-Home Learning A15. **Teachers will finalize curriculum for the best learning environment for our students during the planning period beginning in early August. There will be a variety of activities as there were in the spring.**

At-Home Learning Q16. **When will we be able to pick up devices if we choose At-Home learning?**

At-Home Learning A16. **Pick-up dates for laptops or tablets is scheduled for August 17-19. More detailed information will be provided prior to that time.**

At-Home Learning Q17. **For the "At-Home" option; how close to Montessori will the program be? What task or assignments should we expect?**

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At-Home Learning A17. **Lumin teachers are working together to create an At-Home learning program that is in alignment with our Montessori philosophy. At the same time, we will not be providing the same environment and experience that is present in a classroom with a guide, peers and Montessori materials.**

At-Home Learning Q18. **For the "At-Home option, will parents have coaching or support from Lumin to deal with student's resistance or difficulties?**

At-Home Learning A18. **The child's teacher will work with you on a plan to support At-Home learning.**

At-Home Learning Q19. **Will At-Home learning on August 13th look the same as At-Home learning for the semester?**

At-Home Learning A19. **At-Home learning will begin on August 20th. The difference between the initial four-week At-Home learning option and the long-term At-Home option is the change in teacher.**

At-Home Learning Q20. **Are the children required to be online for a certain amount of time?**

At-Home Learning A20. **Yes, the school day will have a variety of activities and projects with including on-line instruction.**

At-Home Learning Q21. **What technology will parents need on-hand to support At-Home learning on the first day of school?**

At-Home Learning A21. **Students that are Kindergarten or older will need a laptop or tablet and Lumin Will provide one for each child who doesn't have access to one.**

At-Home Learning Q22. **Will a weekly schedule be provided (similar to spring) for parents to use to enrich the child's learning?**

At-Home Learning A22. **Yes**

At-Home Learning Q23. **How will Special Education programs be accommodated for At-Home learning students (specifically Speech)?**

At-Home Learning A23. **The Special Education department will finalize program delivery plans for students during the planning period beginning in early August. Details about the plans will be shared before the first day of school on August 20th.**

At-Home Learning Q24. **For parents with multiple children, will each child require a device?**

At-Home Learning A24. **Students that are Kindergarten or older will need a laptop or tablet and Lumin will provide one for each child who doesn't have access to one.**

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At-Home Learning Q25. **Will headphones be provided?**

At-Home Learning A25. **We are planning to have headphones in the classrooms. We had not planned to provide headphones for At-Home learning, but those plans may change if needed.**

At-Home Learning Q26. **For families with mixed age groups, will classes be staggered so that we can help children with technology (Specifically, my children are not comfortable using a laptop or tablet)?**

At-Home Learning A26. **As teachers make their instructional plans in early August, they will consider this scheduling need.**

At-Home Learning Q27. **What will be required from parents who decide to continue At-Home learning instruction?**

At-Home Learning A27. **Parents who choose to stay in At-Home learning will be asked to complete a 2020-21 Parent Orientation for At-home learning.**

At-Home Learning Q28. **How will daily attendance be taken?**

At-Home Learning A28. **The Texas Education Agency has developed instructions for collecting attendance during At-Home Learning. Attendance will be required daily and will be outlined in Lumin's learning plan. The method will be one or a combination of daily work on the apps, daily progress via teacher-student interactions or completion of assignments.**

On-site Learning

On-site Learning Q1. **Does Lumin have plans for smaller class sizes, and the possibility of alternating days for At-School learning such as 2 days at school and 3 days at home learning?**

On-site Learning A1. **Lumin staff and students will follow health and safety protocols issued by the CDC and the Texas Education Agency. This includes a daily screening questionnaire, taking temperatures, disinfecting areas throughout the day, increased hand washing, and wearing of masks or face shields. We will not have alternating days. Class sizes are still under consideration.**

On-site Learning Q2. **How we are going to keep the masks on the young children and keep them from switching masks with each other or sharing them?**

On-site Learning A2. **We have been in conversation with several day cares and Montessori schools that were in session this summer and have developed a plan for masks and face shields. There will be a training for families on our drop off and classroom procedures before September 17 when At-School learning begins.**

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- On-site Learning Q3. **Is Lumin considering a late in-person start date?**
- On-site Learning A3. **The first day of At-School learning will be September 17.**
- On-site Learning Q4. **Will classes be co-mingling with each other?**
- On-site Learning A4. **Classes will not be co-mingling.**
- On-site Learning Q5. **Will partitions be used like some other schools are doing?**
- On-site Learning A5. **We will have desk shields on children's tables.**
- On-site Learning Q6. **At what point does Lumin need final decision from parents?**
- On-site Learning A6. **September 3rd is the deadline for deciding on At-Home or At-School options**
- On-site Learning Q7. **How many children are going to be in the classroom?**
- On-site Learning A7. **The number of children in the classroom will depend on the enrollment for the At-School option. Desks will be placed so children are 3 to 6 feet apart.**
- On-site Learning Q8. **When will the number of students in the classroom be back to normal class number again?**
- On-site Learning A8. **Lumin staff and students will follow health and safety protocols issued by the CDC and the Texas Education Agency.**
- On-site Learning Q9. **Are staff and teachers being checked up by a physician in order they be healthy by the time classes start?**
- On-site Learning A9. **No, Lumin staff and students will follow health and safety protocols issued by the CDC and the Texas Education Agency. This includes a daily screening questionnaire, taking temperatures, disinfecting areas throughout the day, increased hand washing, and wearing of masks or face shields**
- On-site Learning Q10. **Are we as families going to fill out a form or survey that can ensure we are healthy in order our children can go to "At School" classes?**
- On-site Learning A10. **All staff will complete a self-check each day which includes a questionnaire and temperature check. The same procedure will be done for all students before entering the classroom.**
- On-site Learning Q11. **What's is the procedure in case of an individual in the school with symptoms?**
- On-site Learning A11. **Each campus has a designated "sick" area that is away from classrooms and monitored for students until they are picked up. Staff will leave the campus.**

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Tuition for 2020-2021

Tuition Q1. How much will tuition be for 20-21 school year?

Tuition A1. It is the same as originally published, with a discounted of 50% for the first month.

Tuition Q2. Will there be a tuition adjustment for Pre-K students who attend online?

Tuition A2. For the first month tuition will be charged at 50%, after that starting September 21st the tuition rate will go back to the full rate for both at-home learning and at-school learning.