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# Chris Earley: The Exclusive Exposé by Alice & Ollie

Around here you hear a lot about what my Dad thinks about law and stuff, but this month we're taking over and doing things a little differently. With the help from our Mom (author of Rory's Recipe), we decided to tell you what our Dad is really like. We really got to the core of the subject by answering a short series of questions that explain who the real Chris Earley is, behind the lawyer. Hope you love our work!

## Alice (5 years old)

- \* What's Daddy's full name: Chris
- \* What is Daddy's job: to work using the computer
- \* What is something Daddy always says to you: you're my beautiful girl
- \* What makes Daddy happy? To get dinner
- \* What makes Daddy sad? I don't know
- \* How old is Daddy: 43
- \* How tall is Daddy: 4090 ft
- \* How much does Daddy weigh: 45 lbs
- What is Daddy's favorite thing to do: play with me
- \* Daddy's favorite food: steak
- \* Favorite color: pink
- \* Love the most about Daddy: that he plays with me
- \* What is he really good at: working
- \* What is Daddy bad at: cooking, but Mommy is good.
- \* Favorite place to go: New York
- \* Daddy's favorite sport: baseball
- \* Daddy's favorite TV show: the news
- \* What does Daddy like to do on the weekends: play with us
- \* Ice cream: black raspberry

## Ollie (8 years old)

- \* What is Dad's Full name: Christopher Francis Earley
- \* Where did Dad grow up: New Jersey
- \* What does he do for work: lawyer
- \* How tall is he: 5'10" or 11" maybe
- What is Dad's favorite thing to do: play basketball with me
- \* Favorite junk food: popcorn
- \* What is he really good at: his job
- What is he really bad at: Playing HORSE against me
- \* If Dad was a Cartoon character what would he be: super lawyer
- What does Dad say to you all the time:I love you
- \* How are you and Dad the same: lots of freckles
- How are you and Dad different: height & weight
- \* Favorite movie: Escape From Alcatraz 🔳

We love you Dad.



Alice & Ollie

#### INGREDIENTS:

**English muffins** 

Marinara sauce

Shredded mozzarella

Dried oregano

# KIDS' KONCOCTION RORY'S RECIPES:

## English Muffin Pizzas

This gourmet dinner is what we make when our Mom lets us cook for the family! It's very fancy, so save it for special occasions!

#### DIRECTIONS:

- l Toast the English muffin in the toaster.
- 2 Add a few tablespoons of sauce on a toasted muffin.
- 3 Add 47 giant fistfuls of shredded mozzarella to each muffin. Sprinkle with a pinch of oregano.
- 4 Have your mom put them under the broiler till everything is melted and yummy, which should just take a few minutes!

Serve with lemonade and sliced apples, followed by ice cream and rainbow sprinkles for dessert.

The beginning of a new school year always means change, but this back-to-school season will look a bit different. Whether students are taught virtually or in a classroom environment, it will create challenges for teachers, families and kids alike. Good luck to all students and teachers as you embark on a new school year!

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30 days of reopening in the fall to determine if any compensatory services are owed. It is a good idea for parents to keep a log of all the services missed and any regression that may be occurring.

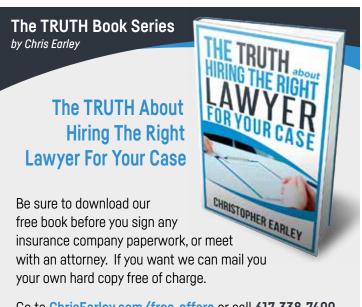
#### 5 The school district states that all timelines are waived during COVID. What does that mean? Will my child's IEP meeting be delayed?

Districts are not allowed to require you to waive any timelines. If the district asks you to do this, or to sign a meeting notice that includes this language, consult an attorney before signing. All timelines remain in effect, unless YOU waive them. Meetings are still required to be held, though they may be held via video conference. Evaluation dates are still in effect when schools re-open.

If you would like to contact Holly directly with other questions, her contact information is below.

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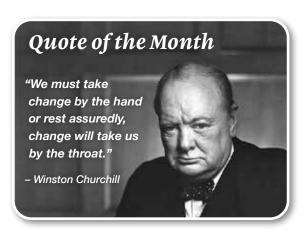
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# FAQ: Special Education Programs During the COVID Crisis

Many parents have the challenge of navigating these uncertain times with children in special education programs. My colleague Holly Vietzke-Lynch, Esq. is an attorney who handles these matters for her clients. Here is some very useful information Holly was kind enough to share with us:



Yes. Schools are not exempt from their obligations to provide services to students on individual education programs (IEPs). Schools are required to provide each student with a remote learning plan that explains how services will be continue to be provided. It is important to note that parents do not have to accept the plan offered and are free to ask for alternate or additional services. For those students receiving summer services, the state directed that schools should use their "best efforts" to provide the highest-need students with in-person services whenever feasible. "Highest-need" students include those with substantial disabilities who have experienced substantial regression, those

receiving multiple services, and students who need more support to successfully re-enter in the fall.

## 2 My child has sensory issues that causes difficulty wearing the mask for six hours per day. Will he or she be required to?

Students with health or sensory issues may be exempt from wearing the mask, and other precautions will be taken. Be sure to talk to your school's special education director if your child has health issues with wearing the mask.

## 3 If my child receives 1:1 services on his IEP, will he or she still be able to receive them?

Yes. If school is in-person, all special education

services will continue as outlined in the IEP. If school is remote or hybrid, the 1:1 may have to be online in full or in part, subject to any guidelines or mandates from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

### 4 My child did not get all of her services during the COVID school closures last spring and is now falling behind. Do I have any recourse?

You may. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates that schools must make up for any services not provided for any reason. These are called compensatory services. Some states, like New Hampshire, are requiring all schools to hold an IEP meeting for each student within

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