



2021-2022 Preschool Plan

We have been working diligently on a plan which includes the requirements set from the NC Department of Health and Human Services in regard to childcare/preschool.

We have implemented these during our preschool summer camps this summer and they were successful. We did have one class that had to close due to there being a positive exposure but due to the precautions it was contained.

Please remember this is a changing environment – I am sure there will be updates and changes as new procedures come from the NCDHHS and we will keep you updated. And hopefully when things begin to change for the better. 😊

- **Carline to drop off and to pick up**
 - Once preschool begins only staff and students will enter the building.
 - Each family will receive 2 hangtags with their family's number for afternoon carline pick up.
 - Please have your child's seat situated so you as the parent can unbuckle them once their health screening is finished.
 - We ask the parents please wear a mask while we are conducting the health screening.

- **Face Coverings**
 - **NCDHHS** requires all staff and anyone 5 and over to wear a face covering while indoors.
 - **All 3 year old and 4 year old classes will be required to wear a face covering each day while indoors.**
 - We started this during Preschool Camp and the kids were great! We had many who had never worn a mask before but they were all pros by the end of the week. They are given a mask break – if they need while indoors – areas set up away from the group they can lower their mask.
 - **2 year old classes - we ask you send your child in a mask each day due to carline being different teachers and then in the class we will continue to work with each student, but knowing this will be a work in progress.**

- **Daily Health Screening Questions**

- Has anyone in your household been **exposed, in close contact** with someone who tested positive in the last 14 days?
 - If yes – student must quarantine for 10 days
- Has anyone in your household been **diagnosed** with Covid in the last 14 days?
 - If yes – see attached for when the student may return to school
- Does your child have any of the following Covid symptoms?
 - Fever
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New Cough
 - Chills
- If yes – you may visit your Dr. and they may provide an alternate diagnosis, or your child will need a negative Covid test to return to preschool.

- **Handwashing and hand sanitizer**

- Students wash their hands with soap upon entering the building and before they enter their classrooms.
- We have portable child-size handwashing stations to help with crowding at the restroom sinks.
- Students will use hand sanitizer when they switch to a new area – gym, playground.
- Students will wash their hands before eating.
- Students will wash their hands after blowing their nose, and putting their hands in their mouth.

- **Classes stay contained with just their class**

- Each class will have their own playground or gym time. And they will stay with only their class throughout the day.
- A reminder that our class sizes are already under what the NCDHHS recommends for preschool classes. And they will remain that size.
- Restroom time will just be with your class – we are purchasing changing tables for the 2 year old classrooms to help with restroom crowding.
- We are hoping to offer Lunch Bunch in October – if there are enough students in each class – since each class will stay in their pod.
- Each class will eat snack either outdoors each day (or in the case of bad weather) spaced out in the gym on their own mat.

- **Cleaning throughout the day**
 - The staff will be spraying the toys, carpet and any used items by the children, every time we transition to a different area. This air dries in 10 minutes.
 - Tables and chairs will be sprayed and wiped down after every use.
 - Commonly used and touched areas: door knobs, restroom stall doors, sink faucets will also be sprayed and cleaned throughout the day.

- We will follow the guidance of the Health and Human Services regarding policies if someone is diagnosed with COVID-19.

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