

Enfield Montessori School Student Handbook 2020-2021 CoVid19 Addendum

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Groupings (See Page 10 of Handbook)

Classrooms will be grouped into cohorts. Minimal interaction of cohorts will be exercised.

Entrance to School (See Page 10 of Handbook)

To keep the school as safe an environment as possible, parents are asked not to enter the school unless scheduled to do so. Parents who wish to volunteer in the school should present evidence of vaccination.

Recess & Outdoor Time (See Page 10 of Handbook)

Children will spend a lot of time outside for the duration of the pandemic. Each cohort will have designated outdoor learning spaces and play areas. The campus affords both shaded and open spaces. Appropriate clothing on hand will be very important.

Outreach Program

The extensive EMS Outreach Program will continue during the pandemic as there is more need than ever.

Service Hours (See Page 14 of Handbook)

Due to the pandemic and our policy of keeping visitors in the building at a minimum, service hour requirements will still be at the discretion of the Head of School. Parents will be provided opportunities to help out as needed and appropriate.

Library Use (See Page 19 of Handbook)

To maintain the safety of our cohort groups, the library will be used by only one cohort at a time.

Communication w/Parents (See Page 20 of Handbook)

Parent Meetings will occur primarily online for the duration of the pandemic. Schedules and announcements will be made through the weekly email: Montessori Matters.

Health Room Practices (See Page 21 of Handbook)

To protect the school environment during the pandemic the following additional practices will be followed:

- Temperature checks at door each day and during the day.
- Sanitizer will be available at each door and should be used every time students and staff enter the building.
- Students showing any of the recognizable symptoms of CoVid19 will be taken to a quarantine area located near administration. Parents will be notified immediately. Child should be picked up within 60 minutes.
- Students must not return to school for 48 hours after CoVid symptoms subside (without the use of medication) or provide proof of negative test.
- School must be notified of a positive case or exposure to a positive case. Administration will determine a return to school date for the student.
- A quarantine period is required after a positive test before returning to school. Please consult with the Head of School for the current guidelines.

Discipline (See Page 24 of Handbook)

For the duration of the pandemic, in-school suspension may be difficult to administer due to sanitization. In the case of a disciplinary concern, parents may be asked to take the child home immediately.

Security and Drills (See Page 25 of Handbook)

Safety of all students and staff is the priority of the Enfield Montessori School. During the pandemic, drills will continue but will be adjusted to account for social distancing and safety.

Extra Clothes (See Page 31 of Handbook)

For the duration of the pandemic,

- All students should have an extra shirt in their backpacks.
- Toddler and Primary children should have a full set of clothes at school.
- Additionally, students who wear masks must have a supply of three masks in their backpack each day. Masks should fit over the mouth and nose.

Cancellations, Delayed Openings

(See Page 357 of Handbook)

EMS will ONLY follow delays or closings called by Enfield Public Schools with regard to inclement weather. Delays or closings due for health reasons will be decided by EMS in line with the State guidelines. If EMS is closed, you will receive an email.

Use of School Grounds (See Page 39 of Handbook)

For the duration of the pandemic, the playscape is limited to families after school for a short period of time. Once the aftercare group comes out to play, the playscape must be vacated by families. Use of the field is permitted at all times.