Enfield Montessori School Student Handbook

2020-2021 CoVid19 Addendum

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# Groupings (See Page 8 of Handbook)

Children will be grouped in Cohorts for the duration of the pandemic with designated entry/exit doors, classroom spaces, bathrooms and staff. Cohorts will accommodate siblings together whenever possible. This will necessitate some non-traditional class groupings.

* Students aged 6 and younger (Primary classes) will be in cohorts of no more than 14.
* Students aged 6 & older (Elementary classes) will be afforded social distancing space according to CDC guidelines.

# Entrance to School (See Page 9 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.

# Recess & Outdoor Time (See Page 9 of Handbook)

Children will spend a lot of time outside for the duration of the pandemic. Each cohort will have a designated outdoor learning space and play area. 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. Students and staff will not participate in person to minimize exposure.

# Service Hours (See Page 13 of Handbook)

Due to the pandemic and our policy of keeping visitors in the building at a minimum, service hour requirements are suspended until further notice. We still hope that parents will help out as needed.

# Library Use (See Page 18 of Handbook)

To maintain the safety of our cohort groups, mini mobile libraries will be created for each classroom for the duration of the pandemic. Guest Library volunteers are welcome over Zoom or can record on YouTube.

# Parent Meetings (See Page 19 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 20 of Handbook)

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

* Families will have to complete online health screening online each week.
* 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 72 hours after 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.
* Proof of a negative test is required after a positive test to return to school.

# Discipline (See Page 23 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 24 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 30 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 at school each day. Masks should fit over the mouth and nose. Scarves or bandanas that shift often are not the best choice.

# Last Day of School (See Page 32 of Handbook)

The State of CT has determined that school will conclude after 177 days in 2020-2021 School Year. This is subject to change.

# School Hours(See Page 32 of Handbook)

Doors will open from 7:40 a.m. to 8:05 am. The extra 5 minutes is to accommodate the increased number of entry doors. Parents are asked to make every effort to get to school during this window of time. Dismissal time remain the same.

# Aftercare (See Page 33 of Handbook)

Aftercare will be available in the cohort classroom. At the beginning of the school year, aftercare will close at 5 p.m. each day to allow extra cleaning time. This may be adjusted as our practices evolve. Children will be brought to the exit doors at the specified dismissal time indicated by parents (2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 5 p.m.)

# Cancellations, Delayed Openings

# (See Page 35 of Handbook)

EMS will ONLY follow delays or closings 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 33 of Handbook)

For the duration of the pandemic, the playscape is limited to our cohort groups on a scheduled basis and sadly cannot be used by families after school. Use of the filed is permitted but social distancing guidelines must be followed.