

July 22, 2020

Dear Parents,

Newcastle Christian Church Preschool is planning on opening for the Fall 2020-2021 school year. First day of school will be Tuesday, September 1st. All preschool activities will be conducted as normal. We are taking the necessary steps to make our preschool a safe place for your child to attend.

- Last year all our classrooms were in one area and shared a two stall restroom. In the new school year our PreK(5) class has been moved across the hall. At this time it will be the only classroom in this area with their own restrooms. We expect maximum number students in this area to be 10, but could change due to enrollment. Our other two classrooms (2 & 3 year olds) will share a common area, have their own classrooms and share a two stall restroom. Max number of students in this area will be 16.
- All classes will be together for Bible Time. Chairs will be spaced apart as much as our classroom space will allow.
- Our outside playground will be used as much as weather will allow during PE Time. If not able to use, PE Time will be in our Sanctuary, which will give the students plenty of space to run and play.
- As students move from one area to the next, hands will be washed or sanitized.
- Drinking fountains will only be utilized using disposable cups.
- Facility will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of each school day.
- To further limit exposure to any illnesses our classroom parties and/or events will not be opened to families to attend, ie... Thanksgiving Family meal in November or our Christmas program in December. We will still celebrate the Holidays or special events just to include students and staff.
- As of the date above we are not going to require our teachers to wear face coverings, unless circumstances change. Children are learning speech processing and need to see the teachers mouth forming words to pick them up properly. Also, this could have a negative affect on children's development because facial recognition is very important as they develop and expressions are important for these young children to see. We will have activities with the students to celebrate the Holiday's and special calendar days.

Newcastle Christian Church Preschool is considered a private school. We are going to continue to follow Newcastle Public Schools calendar for Holiday's and weather related closures. In the event that Newcastle Public Schools is interrupted and has to suspend in person classes to distance learning, we will evaluate and discuss with our church leadership what are next steps will be.

Communication will be so important this year when it comes to sicknesses. We will not be taking temperatures at the door. We ask that you do self checks at home and if your child is sick or running a fever, please keep them home and call the preschool. The teachers will be doing the same.

If you have any questions or concerns after reading this letter or if you are not planning on having your child attend the upcoming school year. Please call 405-387-4272 and leave a message and I will call you back. We looking forward to seeing and teaching your children this year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Courtney
Newcastle Christian Church
Preschool Director