



Community Commitment to Wellness 2021-2022 School Year

- **Family Commitment**

It is vital that you keep your child at home if they are ill or acting in such a manner which you believe they are becoming ill. We encourage you to check your child's temperature before leaving for school and for any symptoms associated with COVID-19. We will rely on each family to be as prudent as possible in sending their child to school only when healthy. It is also important for each staff member to be as vigilant as possible in monitoring for symptoms and communication with the Preschool Office if or when they start to feel sick. By dropping your child off each day, you are indicating that you have reviewed the daily health agreement and can comply with these policies.

- **If A Child Becomes Sick at Preschool**

If a child should become ill while at school, a staff member will remain with the child while isolating them from the other children in their class. A parent will be contacted so that the child can be picked up. Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be completed in the classroom where an ill child has been present.

If Covid-19 is confirmed in a Child or Staff Member

- Please notify the preschool within 24 hours if your child, a member of your household or a person that your child has close contact with is diagnosed with COVID-19
- Children or staff with new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19 may not return to school until the following criteria have been met:
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without use of fever reducing medications.)

School Commitment to Wellness

- **Class Groups**

Each class will have the same children and same teachers each school day. The classes will remain in their individual classrooms each school day, except for outside play and special programs.

- **Masks or Shields**
Masks will be optional for our children and parents. If you wish to, or if your family health situation is such that you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, we fully support you doing so. Teachers will wear masks when working in close proximity with children for any extended period of time.
- **Outside Time**
Each class will have their own scheduled time on the playground or outside area. There may be times classes may overlap outside play time. Families are now welcome to use the playground after school.
- **Cleaning Products and Supplies**
Lancaster Preschool uses the “Force of Nature” cleaning spray. It is EPA registered and approved for use against COVID-19. It is a non-toxic product made with a mixture of salt, vinegar and water. Force of Nature is both kid friendly and pet friendly. We will also focus on sanitizing toilet areas, tables, chairs, light switches, door knobs and high-touch areas on the playground. Toys will be sanitized throughout the day as needed.
- **Handwashing Frequency**
Handwashing is the number one method of stopping the spread of an infectious disease in a school setting. The Preschool has always placed high value on good handwashing practices, and we will be placing even more emphasis now. Each classroom is equipped with a sink for children to wash their hands themselves, but teachers will supervise as necessary to ensure good handwashing techniques are being used. Children and staff will wash or sanitize their hands multiple times throughout the school day, including, but not limited to, upon entering school, after using the restroom or diaper changing, before and after eating and after outside playtime.
- **Arrival and Dismissal**
While we are able to relax some of our policies from last year in terms of COVID-19, our arrival and dismissal plan will remain in place. Parents will be asked to drop their child off and “Kiss and Go” at both the walker door and the carpool door. We will not be taking temperatures or requiring signing in each day. We feel that limiting the number of adults in and out of the building daily is an important step in keeping our school healthy. We also found there were wonderful benefits for our students in terms of independence and separation issues.

Please know these are our current policies and are subject to change if conditions in our community warrant doing so.