

# THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to welcome you and your children back to the school on September 08, 2020. We hope you have enjoyed the long Summer break and have had quality time with your loved ones.

As an essential element of Montessori education when, activated by a world pandemic, we are called to be adaptive. You have often heard us say that a Montessori education prepares our children for life. This has never been more true as we reimagine the Montessori Education for today's - and tomorrow's - world.

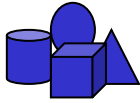
Further to our previous emails on this subject I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the major protocols to our daily school operation.

## **DAILY SCREENING OF CHILDREN AND STAFF MEMBERS.**

1. Beginning Tuesday September 08, 2020, every morning, before 7:00 am, all the parents will receive an email from the school titled COVID 19 Daily Screening Questionnaire.
2. Please open the email and click on the link (which says click here) in the email.
3. A short form will open up on your phone/laptop/ipad screen.
4. Enter the name of your child and click on all the No/Yes answers (hopefully all No :-)
5. A gentle reminder that your child will not be allowed to enter the school and must stay at home if you answer **Yes** to any of the screening questions. Please contact the school for the next steps.
6. Click on the SUBMIT button.
7. We will electronically receive your reply to all the questions before you arrive at the school and you do not have to answer any questions at the school door.
8. **IMPORTANT** : Your child will also be checked with a forehead temperature scan at the school door for any fever before entry to the school. Parents will be required to remain until their child is cleared to enter the school.
9. **IMPORTANT**: if you do not submit the online form before dropping off your child, you will then have to stand at the door and answer the [six screening questions](#). This will significantly slow the arrival process.
10. The School staff will also follow the same daily screening procedure before entry to the school.
11. Please let us know if your email address has changed in the recent past as we would like to send this form to the right email address.

For more information about our school opening protocols and other details please click [here](#) to read our last newsletter.

The [lunch and snack menu](#) as well as [September calendar](#) are posted on our website under parents' portal. Please have a look at both the documents.



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Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the proper closed toe shoes (no crocs or flip flops) as this keep them safe and comfortable inside the class rooms and outside play time. We also recommend that a spare change of clothes be kept in school in case of any accident. Provide the change of clothes in a sealed Ziplock. The school would also like to keep a pair of your child's shoes in his on her class as indoor shoes and they will stay inside to ensure the clean classrooms.

The children who will nap at school will also bring a crib sheet and a child size blanket for a nap time routine. The bedding will be sent home every Friday or as needed to be washed at home and return every Monday. Please label your child's belonging.

The three large classrooms that will open the doors to the children are as follows:

**Casa 1 Ms. Alia Jameel and Ms.Samia Arif.** Both teachers are highly experienced and Montessori trained. They have successfully managed the summer program from July 2nd 2020 to August 28th 2020.

**Casa 4 Ms. Mala Chhabra and Ms. Dara Syed.** They are very experienced and Montessori trained for Casa program.

**Casa 5 Ms. Chaimaa Imtinane and Ms. Dianna Phillips.** Ms. Chaimaa and Ms Dianna are both experienced Montessori trained teachers. The returning children are familiar with Ms. Dianna as she was visiting our classrooms prior to Covid 19 shut down. Casa 5 is our new classroom fully equipped with the Montessori materials and we are very excited to have the children fill up this space with their joy and laughter.

The teachers will contact the families in their care through the Zoom chat to welcome the new families and greet the returning ones. They will go through the class room schedules and routines. This will also help you to know the class teacher of your child. These classrooms zoom chats will happen after our town hall zoom chat on Thursday August 27th at 6:00 pm.

Before I bid adieu, I would like to reassure again all the parents that the school will follow all the enhanced health and safety protocols to have a safe return to the classrooms. This is now critical for all of us to ensure there is a full participation in the screening process and we would like to continue the culture of honest talk and communication about any change at home in relation to Covid 19 screening protocol. This will allow us to have a safe environment for our children to get back to their learning and building friendships.

Have a wonderful last week of the summer break. See you in September.

Thank you

*Fouzia Ali*