

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION
OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR PRESCHOOL**

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____ (Please Print)

On March 11, 2020, COVID-19, a highly contagious disease that is spread through person-to-person contact was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and on March 13, 2020, U.S. President Donald Trump declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. On March 25, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) issued an order closing facilities providing Preschool services. On May 29, 2020, the Director of ODH issued an order for reopening facilities providing Preschool services, with exceptions.

St. Joseph Parish Preschool has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Even with these measures, the Parish cannot guarantee that children attending its preschool program (St. Joseph Preschool) and parents or other individuals using the Parish’s facilities in connection with the Preschool Program will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I, on behalf of myself and my minor child(ren), agree to all of the following:

1. Participation in the Preschool Program is voluntary.
2. I and my minor child(ren) agree to follow and comply with all safety rules and procedures as described in the Parish’s Rules and Safety Procedures (see **attachment A**), as the same may be amended from time to time.
3. I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate carefully all risks inherent in using the Parish’s facilities and participating in the Preschool Program. I, on behalf of myself my spouse (if any) and my minor child(ren), voluntarily assume full responsibility for the risk that I or my child or other family members may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or other communicable diseases, among other risks, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, death or other damages or expenses.
4. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or other communicable diseases or other risks of accident or injury may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others, including, but not limited to, the Parish’s Preschool Program participants and students, staff, volunteers, and guests.
5. I, on behalf of myself, my spouse (if any) and my minor child(ren), assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to such persons including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that such person(s) may experience or incur in connection with the use of Parish facilities or participation in the Preschool Program (“Claims”).

6. I, on behalf of myself, my spouse (if any) and my minor child(ren) release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Parish, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and the Bishop or Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and their respective members, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, arising from negligence or otherwise, and any damages as a result of the use of the Parish's facilities or participation in the Preschool Program, including but not limited to property damage and any mental or physical bodily injury, including death.
7. This release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Parish, its pastor, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection or other injury occurs before, during, or after use of the Parish's facilities or participation in the Preschool Program.
8. The foregoing WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

We, the undersigned, have read the above carefully, understand its significance, and voluntarily agree to all of its terms. For divorced/separated parents, the parent/guardian signing below attests that he/she has legal authority to provide consent for the minor child(ren) to attend the Parish's Preschool Program and use its facilities and to execute this Waiver of Liability, Acknowledgment, and Assumption of Risk Agreement on behalf of the minor child(ren).

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

ATTACHMENT A: PARISH RULES AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

Physical Space- Preschool room will be divided into two separate areas- North and South.
Student Groups- The class will be divided into no more than 9 students in a group. Group A and Group B.

Face Coverings- All staff members will be required to wear a mask and/or face shield. Masks are optional for preschool students.

Drop Off Procedure- 1 student/car will unload at a time. A staff member will ask the person dropping off 3 health screening questions. The student will be escorted into the classroom. Parents will not be entering the preschool room.

Daily Schedule- Adjusted to accommodate dual classroom areas while providing a well rounded preschool experience. Schedule will include direct instruction and independent practice, religion class, sensory/activity walk, free play and gross motor time (inside and outside), and center time.

Classroom Sanitization- All tables, chairs, toys, manipulatives, and all touched surfaces will be sanitized between Group A/Group B and between AM/PM classes.

Pick Up Procedure- Parent/Pick Up person will hang/hold up a sign to signal who they are picking up. 1 student will dismiss at a time with the help of a staff member. Anyone picking up the student must be on the authorized pick up form and may be asked for a photo ID.

Visitors/Parents- No parents will be permitted in the preschool classroom. This includes walking children into the classroom.

Miscellaneous Info- No items from home will be brought into the classroom this year. We WILL NOT be using book bags in the preschool room- students will carry a folder back and forth each school day. No large gatherings, parties, or community helpers will be permitted. There will be no music class.

Handbook- Once you have read the Preschool Handbook and COVID 19 Addendum you will sign and return the slip to your child's teacher. By signing the document, you are agreeing to both the preschool handbook and COVID addendum.