

Cherubs' Nest Preschool and Kindergarten

Health and Safety Plan

We realize that the health and safety of our students, staff, and families must be a conscious priority as we reopen our doors. The following protocols, procedures, and accommodations will be in place, along with any others that may become necessary upon reviewing CDC and state recommendations. Our goal is to make school as normal as possible while being as safe as possible. And, as always, we aim to make learning faith focused and fun!

Preventative Measures and Collaboration

- In order to avoid excessive periods of mask-wearing, every effort to practice social distancing will be implemented (i.e. 6' separation of desks/work spaces).
- Children will be widely spaced at desks/tables with personal work space marked off.
- Staff will wear masks (clear shields recommended) when working in close proximity to children.
- Each student will have individual crayons, pencils, scissors, markers, paint brushes, and paint smock.
- Each student's materials will be stored separately.
- Whenever possible, classrooms will have windows open for increased ventilation.
- Students and staff will wash/sanitize hands between activities (after playtime, centers, gym, times the class leaves the room, etc.).
- Tables, desks, chairs, commonly touched items, etc. will be sanitized each day.
- Water fountains will not be used, unless disposable cups are available.
- Any classroom library books that go home will be sanitized upon return or will remain off the shelves for 5 or more days.
- Toys and play areas will be sanitized according to Public Health recommendations.
- When possible, student line-up spots will be distanced.
- When possible, instruction will be done outside (story time, play, snack, show and share, etc.).
- Students will be distanced during rug time.
- Students will be encouraged to wear masks when in close proximity (such as in close group activities, walking in the hallways, and inside playtime). Students with medical conditions will be exempt.
- If masks are mandated by the PA Governor or PA Department of Education, mask-wearing by students will be optional once at personal space in classroom setting and when more than 6' apart.
- Caregivers and families are asked to practice and reinforce good preventative habits at home.
- Parents are to keep their child home if their child is sick with a temperature 100 degrees and higher, has vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, excessive sneezing or coughing,

shows signs of a contagious disease like COVID-19, chicken pox, flu, rash, pink eye, pneumonia, head lice, etc.

- Students in different classes will be staggered in hallways to limited numbers at one time.
- Social distancing/masks will be utilized when assembling with other classes.
- Any computers, laptops, and chrome books must be cleaned with Clorox wipes after each class session usage.
- Teachers will teach and reinforce washing hands, covering coughs/sneezes among students (and staff).
- Spots in the hallway will be marked out to social distance families waiting in arrival and pickup lines.
- When possible, coat racks outside the classrooms for coats and backpacks will be spaced every other hook and will be labeled with each student's name in order to use that hook consistently throughout the school year.
- Shared items such as toys, books, puzzles, and sensory items will be sanitized before and after use.

Pick Up/Drop Off

- Parents are asked to take children into the restroom for handwashing before children are signed in each morning, as well as before leaving at the end of the day.
- Sign in and sign out book will be in the hall, not in individual classrooms.
- At the main school entrance, a staff member or volunteer will take the temperature of all those who are entering.
- Parents are asked to wear masks when dropping off and picking up children.
- Students and staff members will have his/her temperature checked upon arrival each morning. A temp of 100 degrees or higher at check in will require that the child (or staff member) be kept at home. Again, parents are asked to please keep child home if child is vomiting or obviously ill.
- If a parent feels uncomfortable having their child's temperature taken, they may bring their own thermometer and take their child's temperature in the presence of a teacher so that we can confirm the child is negative for a fever.
- At the end of the day, children will be picked up at the front church parking lot. A system will be created for this pick up.

Proactive Measures

- If a student or staff has tested positive for COVID-19, they will:
 - Self-quarantine for 14 days
 - When returning to school, after recovering from COVID-19, they will be asked to bring a medical release form that has been signed by a doctor.
- If a student (or staff member) becomes ill with possible COVID symptoms during class:
 - The infected student's parents will be notified immediately.

- The infected student (or staff member) will be separated from class until he/she can be picked up from school.
- The areas used by the infected student will be closed off and not used until cleaning and disinfection are complete.
- Classes will remain in session, but the classmates (parents of classmates) of the infected student will be informed about the incident and notified about what possible symptoms to look for in the days to follow.
- If a Pre-K or Kindergarten student must be quarantined for 14 days due to COVID-19, remote learning materials will be provided for the days absent.

Snacks/Show and Share

- Only adults will pass out napkins, snacks, cups, etc.
- Parents donating snacks or bringing in birthday treats are asked to bring in prepackaged snacks and/or washable fruits/vegetables.
- For Show and Share, children should bring show items in a plastic bag or container. Items brought in for Show and Share will only be held by the student showing them— they will not be passed around.

Visitors

- All guests/visitors must wear masks or face shields and will be screened for temperature.
- Outdoor presentations will be encouraged.
- Fieldtrips will be limited.

Communication

- Signs will be posted as reminders about hand washing at sanitizing stations, etc.
- Messages when communicating the need to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be done with families and staff through the CNPK website, emails, and social media.
- We strongly encourage communication between families and staff. We encourage families to let us know any concerns and/or further suggestions.

Identification of Pandemic Coordinator

- CNPK Director is to serve in the role of pandemic coordinator.
- The CNPK Director and three CNPK Board Members are to serve on the pandemic team.