



Policies related to COVID-19 – September 2021

FACE MASKS:

Children and adults must wear face coverings at all times while **indoors** at the Preschool, including during arrival and departure. Masks should be snug, must cover nose and mouth, and have ear loops or go around the head. The children are invited to remove their masks when outdoors.

During snack, lunch and quiet rest/nap time, children will remove their masks but will be distanced from one another. Please help your child develop self- help skills by teaching them how to put on and remove their face mask independently by grasping the mask from the ear loops or head straps.

All teachers will be wearing masks at all times, other than when eating/drinking, and at those times they will be at least 6 feet away from the children or not be in the same room as the children.

DISTANCING:

The classroom spaces continue to be set up to promote socially distanced play and learning activities. The teachers will always encourage the children to play with some distance between them. Every class will be outdoors for a portion of every school day.

VENTILATION:

In addition to keeping windows open as much as possible when school is in session, each classroom has been equipped with a ventilation (AC) unit which exchanges and circulates the air via a fresh air intake and direct exhaust outside. HEPA air cleaners have also been placed in most of the classrooms depending on size of the room, number of windows and number of children typically in the room.

HYGIENE:

Children and teachers wash their hands upon arriving at school and frequently throughout the day:

- Before and after snack and lunch
- After using the toilet or having a diaper changed
- After returning inside from the playground
- After nose blowing/wiping

We encourage you to sanitize your child's hands when you leave the building and have your child wash their hands immediately upon arriving home after school.

ILLNESS PROTOCOL:

Parents should be vigilant in monitoring the health of their child at all times, and especially each morning prior to bringing their child to school/care.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PEDIATRICIAN FOR GUIDANCE.

DO NOT bring your child to school if they exhibit any of the following symptoms, or in any way seem unwell:

- Fever above 100.0 F, or chills, shaking chills
- Cough - **if not due to other known cause such as chronic cough, allergies**
- New stuffy/runny nose/congestion – **if not due to other known cause such as allergies AND when in combination with other symptoms**
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue - **when in combination with other symptoms**
- Sore throat
- Headache - **when in combination with other symptoms**
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Returning to school after illness:

For your child to return to school, please provide the Preschool with:

- A negative COVID PCR test

OR

- a note from the Pediatrician stating what the alternative diagnosis is

Please bring a paper copy to the office or email a pdf to susanne@waylandcreative.com.

Before returning to school, your child's symptoms must be improved, they should be fever free without use of medication, and be feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

Guidelines for Close Contacts/Secondary Contacts with a COVID-positive individual:

- See the COVID & KIDS fact sheet.