

Covid-19 Guidelines

Welcome to the Connecticut Farms Church Nursery School! I just wanted to give you some recent updates we have diligently been working on to get ready to come back to school. Here are some of guidelines for the start of the new school year. This school year marks the beginning of a new “normal”. Please read carefully the procedures that we will be implementing to keep you, your children and our staff members safe and healthy.

- To prevent crowds and help with the flow at drop off and pick up time, students must enter at the time and place designated for their class.

- * Pre-K: will arrive at 8:45am and enter through the Pre-K door (door at the front of the building)

- * Preschool: will arrive at 9:00am and enter through the rear door by the parking lot.

Please keep your child in the car until your designated arrival time. It is very important that you arrive and pick up on time.

When dropping off and picking up their parent/guardian, must stand on the ground markings to follow proper social distancing.

- Once at the door, a staff member will administer a health questionnaire to the adult present at drop off, and take the student’s temperature with a non-contact infrared thermometer. This information will then be sent to the Office of Licensing.

- Adults and siblings are not permitted inside our building. Please say your goodbyes, give hugs and kisses before your child enters school.

- Children must use the hand sanitizer provided before entering.

- All staff will wear a cloth mask as mandated by the Office of Licensing, and children are encouraged to do so as well.

- Children will routinely start the day with handwashing and will continue practicing proper hand hygiene throughout the day. Please make handwashing part of your daily routine (proper way and 20 seconds) so this becomes a natural habit.

Changes are being made in our classrooms to promote safety and health as mandated by the DCF with the guidance of the CDC.

- The number of students is reduced to help with social distancing.

- Furniture will be arranged to allow for space and distancing.

- No more than 4 -5 children will be at the same table.

- Students will be assigned seating with their name tag on a chair/ floor/ rug. Students will sit on floor markers with ample space between each other.

- The quantity of available toys will be lowered and rotated daily to allow for enough drying time between cleaning and usage.

- Stuffed animals, soft toys and clothes have been removed until further notice.
- Toys used will be placed in a container and disinfected after each use.
- Toilet seats, faucets and sinks will be disinfected after each use.
- At nap time, mats will be placed 6 feet apart and children will be placed head-to-toe to prevent the spread when coughing and stuffed animals will be sent home to be washed every day.
- For sanitary reasons, we will no longer let children use lunch boxes. Lunches will have to be sent in disposable zipper-type bags with your child's name written on the outside. Please include a small bottle of water, juice is not allowed. Please write your child's name on the water bottle as well.
- At snack time and lunch time, tables and chairs will be disinfected before and after each use. No more than 4 – 5 children will be at the same table.

Please do not buy a backpack, because we are not sure we will be using them this year.

We will continue to update this list as the DCF and the CDC require us to do so and as we try to improve these procedures for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. Our new "normal" has changed but loving and caring for your children will not!