

# Precious Lambs Preschool COVID-19 Policies

## **Check-in and Check-out:**

Staff members will wear masks. Families will be served one at a time, and the parent dropping off and picking up the child, as well as any siblings over 2 that are present, must wear masks. We will ask waiting families to stay 6 ft apart in line until it is their turn.

Families will enter through the church doors and form a line towards the preschool hallway. There will be a check in area as you enter the preschool hallway. At check-in we will verify that there are no symptoms such as cough or fever and that your child or family has not been exposed to COVID-19.

We will do a daily temp check of children and staff with an infra-red no touch thermometer.

For pickup, you will again enter through the church doors. At pick-up time we will have a staff member releasing children. They will be released one at a time from the preschool hallway, in order of the arrival of their appropriate adult. Please no congregating at the door and keep your distance in the hallway. It will be necessary to extend the pick-up line down past the copy area to allow for safe distancing.

We will be keeping daily records, but they will be only for our personal use unless a positive or presumptive case associated with the facility makes it necessary for us to cooperate with local health authorities. This record list will include temperature checks, health questions and name of person dropping off and picking up child.

## **Strict Guidelines as to illness:**

If child or family has been exposed to someone who has tested positive or is a presumptive case, we asked that they self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and do not attend school.

We have changed all illness requirements so that children with any illness need to be symptom free for at least **72** hours before returning to school.

We will have an area where children who become ill during class can be isolated until an adult listed on the Medical Form arrives to pick them up.

Please make sure there is always an adult available to come pick up your child in case of illness, injury, or emergency.

## **Class Sizes:**

We are limiting our operations to mornings only. We will offer three options-2-day, 3-day and 5-day preschool. We always have 2 adult staff on duty. These classes are stable groups, meaning the children do not interact with the other classed and the daily possible attendees does not change.

## **Daily Cleaning and Distancing:**

Halfway through each morning class, our assistant teacher will pause to wipe down doorknobs, light switches, faucet handles and toilet handles.

At the end of each class day staff will wipe down and disinfect all tabletops, chairs, dishes, doorknobs, and light switches. We will also use a fogger to spray a sanitizer over classroom surfaces, leaving it to dry until the following morning.

Each student will have their own box of common supplies such as crayons, markers, scissors, and glue to be used exclusively by each individual student.

We will educate and reinforce practices of covering mouths when coughing or sneezing, using the inside of their elbows or a tissue. Used tissues will be thrown away immediately and hands will be washed.

Hand sanitizer will be available at all areas of the classroom and the use of encouraged as they change areas or centers.

Toys used in each class will be stored in bins and sanitized daily.

### **Snacks:**

We will be offering snack again this fall. You will receive a snack list the first week of school and will be assigned a week or two to bring snack and drink for the entire class. The rest of the time you don't need to worry about it. Snacks will be written on our white board daily, and that gets emailed to you, so you will know what the snack was for the day. Each student must also have a lunch box, cup, bowl, and spoon that is brought back and forth to school each class day.

We love birthday celebrations and will try to assign each student to a snack week on or near their birthday or ½ birthday.

### **Face Coverings:**

Per the state mandate, we are again requiring staff and students to wear masks. Teachers also have face shields on hand and will use them if students are sitting close to them during carpet time, or to allow students to see their faces, mouth movements, etc. during learning time.

### **Closures because of Illness:**

If there is a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 in the facility, we may close the facility for a minimum of 14 days. This allows us all to self-quarantine and allows us time to do a thorough cleaning of the facility. There will be no refunds for emergency closings. The Health Department will advise us of the appropriate course to follow should there be a case at our school.

We are a staff of 3. If one of us or someone from our own households become ill, it may be exceedingly difficult for us to find a suitable substitute who is trained in these procedures. We may need to close for a short time to keep us all safe and healthy.

**These policies and procedures are being put in place for the fall of 2021. We will adjust as necessary or relax them when we safely can. Our goal first and foremost in all of this is to keep our families safe.**

**We desire to give your children the best preschool experience possible in this current situation.**