

ATTENTION YNSC FAMILIES

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

**OUR NURSERY SCHOOL
GUIDELINES**



SMALL CLASS SIZES

- maximum of 10 children per class
- current average is 7 children per class

STAGGERED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

- 3 year old classes will run from 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- 4 year old classes will run from 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- parents will be asked not to arrive too early or late and to limit their time in the building as much as possible, with outdoor drop off and pick up encouraged
- parents are asked to maintain social distancing during drop off and pick up, and any parents entering the building are to wear masks
- a cleaner will be hired to sanitize cubbies, bathrooms, toys, and any high-touch surfaces between morning and afternoon classes and at the end of each day

SMALL TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION

- maximum of 18 children, in 2 classes, in the building at a time
- each class will be in a separate room and the two groups will not interact

DISTANCING

- children will **not** be expected to social distance from one another, but the classroom environment will be designed to maximize each child's personal space

PARENT HELPERS

- parent helpers will be asked to wear a mask and social distance when possible
- helpers must belong to the same household as the student, in order to limit contacts
- children other than the enrolled student are **not** allowed to accompany the parent helper
- the primary responsibility of parent helpers will be cleaning and sanitizing

SNACK TIME

- each day, one child will be scheduled to bring snacks and juice for their class
- **SNACKS MUST BE STORE-BOUGHT AND FACTORY-PACKAGED INTO INDIVIDUAL SERVINGS** (e.g. juice boxes, granola bars, Bear Paws, cheese strings, applesauce pouches, yogurt tubes, snack size packages of crackers, boxes of raisins, fruit cups, etc.)
- tables and chairs will be sanitized before and after snack time

PLAY TIME

- programming will continue to be play-based
- only toys that can be easily sanitized will be available
 - no soft toys (e.g. stuffies, costumes)
 - no pretend food or pretend makeup
 - when cleaning up, children will place any toys/items that have been touched in a designated bin; everything in the bin will be sanitized before being put back out
 - the teachers and parent helper will monitor closely to ensure no toys are put in children's mouths and that everything that was touched goes into the bin

- in addition to items being sanitized after each use, all toys will be sanitized once a week
- sensory play (examples)
 - soap and water with toys in the water table
 - each child will be provided with their own container of playdough, labelled with their name
- children will play outside as much as possible (separate classes will go out at different times)
- no field trips until further notice

CRAFT TIME

- each child will have their own container labelled with their name containing their own craft supplies (e.g. markers, crayons, glue sticks, etc.)
- containers and materials will be for individual use and will not be shared

CIRCLE TIME

- velcro spots will be placed on the carpet to show children where to sit, in order to maximize their personal space
- singing
 - children will wear a mask while singing (masks will not be required at any other time)
 - the school will supply one reusable mask for each child, which is to be kept in a paper bag labelled with the child's name and stored in the child's backpack
 - paper bags are recommended rather than plastic bags, as they allow the mask to dry after use
 - when arriving at school, children will take their paper bag out of their backpack and place it in their supply container, where it will be kept during class time
 - before going home, children will take their paper bag out of their container and put it back into their backpack to take home
 - parents are encouraged to launder their child's mask after each use
 - parents may provide additional or alternate masks if they wish (child-sized reusable masks may be purchased at a number of stores including Ardene, Giant Tiger, The Medicine Shoppe, and Walmart)

HAND HYGIENE

- children will be taught proper hand washing techniques
- children will wash their hands with soap or use hand sanitizer:
 - when first arriving
 - when putting on/taking off their masks
 - before and after eating
 - if they put their hands in their mouth
 - after using the washroom or blowing their nose
- hand sanitizer will be available at the outside entrance, in the coat room, and in each classroom

ILLNESS POLICY

- keep your child at home if they are sick or have had any symptoms in the past 24 hours
 - cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.
- knowingly sending your ill child to school may result in expulsion from the program
- any child displaying symptoms while at school will immediately be separated from the other children and parents will be notified

Note: These guidelines are subject to change at any time based on current public health recommendations.