

COVID-19 Vernon Christian Preschool Policies and Procedures



All the same learning and fun with a few added precautions

Updates are in red (Updated Feb. 2021)



Drop Off Outside:

Line up at the preschool outside door (along building -physically distancing). Please walk down to the classroom no more than 5 minutes before class time. This may mean you are waiting in your vehicle for a few minutes if you are early.



I will open up the door at the class start time.

In good weather: your child can put on their shoes and place their water bottles and snack on the cart prior to the door opening (the teacher will put the snack in the fridge).

On cold, wet days: The children will come right in at the class start time. I will assist your child in putting their items away. They are doing very well with these routines. On these days I will keep the door closed to keep our room heated.



If you are late or need to pick up your child early please knock on the window or door.



Pick Up Outside: Please be Prompt

Parents please line up by the fence outside of the playground (parents are not allowed in the playground at this time). If we are in the playground then your child will be dismissed at the bell (please wait in your vehicle if you are more than 5 minutes early). If we are in the classroom (due to weather) please wait by the wall by our classroom. Our allotted space is between our door and the main entrance door.

Please keep to the building side so the kindergarten parents can make their way through if you are in the afternoon class). **I will open the door and call the children out one at a time at dismissal time.** There is a very small overhang if it's raining.



Hand Hygiene and Disinfecting:



Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned twice daily. Our preschool is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with BCCDC's guidance.

"Hands to self" and limited contact will be encouraged. Time will be given to instruction of proper hand washing, germs as well as coughing and sneezing etiquette. These are all things we normally teach in preschool! We are blessed to have small class sizes. **I'm teaching the students to sneeze into their shirt.** I find that preschoolers tend to miss their elbow! Children will be encouraged not to touch their face with unwashed hands.

Hand washing policy: Use sanitizer if sink is not available

*arrival

*before and after snack

*after washroom

*after blowing nose or sneezing

*parents will sanitize their own child after dismissal if they desire

General procedures:

The safety and wellness of staff and children is our main objective.



****Updated: Assess your child prior to leaving your home. The new health check is located here: [When to get tested for COVID-19](#).** It is the parents responsibility to assess.

The preschool no longer verifies this check. Call 8-1-1 for health advice or fill out this Self- Assessment tool [BC COVID 19](#). Please also refer to the PDF list of common childhood illness. If a child has a slightly runny nose that is clear they are allowed to attend. Appendix B only refers to COVID symptoms. Staying home when sick is one of the most important ways to reduce the spread of all communicable diseases.

If your child develops any symptoms while at preschool then the parent will be required to pick up the child as soon as possible. If we are unable to reach the parents then we will call emergency contacts. The loft will be closed and will be the designated sick area.

PPE's are not required but are a personal choice for children and teachers. The teacher is not required to wear a mask unless in a shared space (ex. hallway) or cannot physically distance from another adult.



Visitors are required to wear PPE, as well as have an active confirmation of a daily health check and sign in. Visitors are limited to those supporting activities that are of benefit to children's learning and wellbeing. Parents are considered visitors.

Parents are required to wear a mask on school property by the Vernon Christian School guidelines.

The preschool staff will be following these same prevention measures. Therefore it is possible that the preschool will have to close on occasion if adequate staffing is not available. The preschool will reimburse parents if this happens greater than 2



times for the T/Th class and 3 times for the M/W/F classes during the year. **If the preschool needs to close based on the Health Authority recommendations then we will reimburse fees if we are required to close for more than 2 weeks.**

Show and Tell is allowed! I will tape a message (post-it note) on their snack container on the class prior to their turn. On their "special" day they will be our line-up leader and will bring **one** item or toy from home (if it is a toy that comes with multiple pieces that's okay!). **It is best not to send bedtime items like a special blankie or stuffie. Please send the item in a grocery bag so it is a "surprise" at storytime.**

Updated guidelines that are being followed: [Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)