



# COVID-19 Vernon Christian Preschool Policies and Procedures

All the same learning and fun with a few added precautions  
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## Drop Off

The teacher will open the preschool exterior door at the class start time. If you are late (or need to pick up your child early) please knock on our window or door.



## School Parking [learn more about our Traffic Flow & Parking](#)



## Pick Up Outside: Please be Prompt

Pick up will be at our preschool playground in good weather. **Parents and siblings can wait outside our playground and the teacher will dismiss the children at the end of class.** If the weather is cold/rainy the children may be dismissed from our classroom. If that is the case please wait between the school entrance and our door. It can be distracting if families are waiting in front of the classroom windows. The elementary school playground is open this year for parent supervised play.



## 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 limiting 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 t-shirt** since I find that preschoolers tend to miss their elbow!

### Hand washing policy: Use sanitizer if sink is not available

- \*arrival
- \*before and after snack
- \*after washroom
- \*after blowing nose or sneezing

# General procedures:

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



**Assess your child prior to leaving your home. It is the parents responsibility to assess and keep up to date with symptoms of COVID-19.** 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 list of common childhood illnesses that will be sent home soon. Staying home when sick is one of the most important ways to reduce the spread of all communicable diseases. **Please be diligent with this.**

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 is the designated sick area.

**Masks are not required 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 inside are required to wear a non-medical mask, 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.



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 due to staffing shortages. **If the preschool needs to close based on the Health Authority recommendations then we will reimburse fees only if we are required to close for greater than 2 weeks.** Last year we had no closures.

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

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