



# 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 are cleaned daily. Our preschool is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with BCCDC's guidance.

"Hands to self" will be encouraged. Time will be given to instruction of proper and regular hand washing, 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!

## 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 keep up to date with symptoms of COVID-19, do an active Daily Health Check as well as ensure their child is not required to self-isolate.** Staying home when sick is one of the most important ways to reduce the spread of all communicable diseases. **Please be diligent with this.**

### **What to do when sick:**

The management for COVID-19 in the community is now more aligned with the management of other respiratory infections. **If your child has [symptoms](#), stay home.** According to the newly released testing guidelines, many staff and children will not be eligible for COVID testing. To find out more information please visit the [When to get tested for COVID](#) resource or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

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.

### **What to do when exposed:**

Staff or children who are exposed to COVID-19 may continue to attend child care, regardless of vaccination status, unless they develop symptoms or test positive. Contact tracing is no longer an effective strategy for the prevention of Covid.

**Preschool children are not required to wear a mask** but may personally choose to do so. All staff are required to wear a mask (there are a variety of exceptions including times when the teacher is providing a service where visual cues, facial expressions and lip movements are important). **Visitors**

 **inside are required to wear a non-medical mask at all times, 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 has records of the vaccines that staff have received on site (this has always been the case).



Our classroom has good indoor ventilation and a new HVAC system (summer 2021) that is not shared with any other classrooms. Having our own entrance and exit directly outside has also been helpful.

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