

Health and Safety

St. Therese Little Way Preschool has always been committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our families, students and staff. We understand the continued and heightened concerns that COVID-19 has created for families and the larger community. We want to provide you the information you need to make the best decisions for yourself and your families.

We wanted to share with you the measures that we are taking to assure that our children, families and staff members are safe in our school.

We are blessed by your continued trust and support of our program. Know that we will be updating this information as new guidelines and information comes out.

Health and Safety Practices:

St. Therese Little Way Preschool is following the guidance and directive from our state and local government along with local health departments as decisions are made about schools.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING YOU SAFE:

The health and safety of our children and staff has always been a priority for Little Way Preschool. During this time we have been working hard to implement additional procedures to help keep our school as clean and germ-free as possible.



External Drop off and Pick up procedures:

Drop-off and pick-up are designed to ensure everyone in our school stays safe and healthy. We will be outside our door for drop off in the morning beginning at 8:50am. A quick health screening to ensure your child does not have a fever above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or other flu-like symptoms will be conducted while your child is still in the car. Then your child will be taken to his classroom by a designated teacher and required to use hand sanitizer when entering the classroom.

Pick up will also be done by car line to limit the number of people that enter the building. You will be given your child's name on a laminated sheet that is required to be displayed on your windshield for pick up. You will, as usual pick a security code that you will give to the person that is outside. We will then call your child out to the car and they will be escorted out by a designated teacher.

****We understand that we will need a little more time each morning and afternoon to get through these procedures but believe they will be in the best interest of all****

Practicing Social Distancing:

We have limited the number of students per class to allow for the practice of social distancing throughout the day. Your child will remain in the classroom or outside play area with their teacher and classmates. For added safety, different classes will not interact with one another. All special events and visitors will be postponed until further notice. Bathroom time will be handled in small groups withing their classmates.

Keeping Areas Clean:

We have implemented even more rigorous cleaning procedures. All high touch surfaces and objects will be sanitized regularly throughout the day. This includes, but is not limited to, all learning materials, playground structures, light switches, and door handles.

Frequent handwashing by children and staff will be an ongoing part of the day.



As an added safety feature our classrooms will be fogged weekly.

Snack and Lunch Bunch:

Students will wash their hands prior to eating lunch or snacks. Staff will wear gloves while helping your child with snack and lunch. Students will be served individually, there will be no group snacks provided. Children must bring their own individual snack and lunch from home. Disposable containers are preferred.

Face Coverings:

Our staff is all required to wear face coverings. We understand the importance of facial expression especially for our younger students so our teachers will be provided with clear face masks. We suggest that children over the age of 2 wear a face covering when inside to mitigate messy sneezes and coughs and may offer a protection against contagion.

What You Can Do:

For the safety of our families and staff anyone who is ill must stay home. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with COVID-19 please immediately notify St. Therese and STAY HOME! Please do not send your child if he or she has had a temperature of over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit within the last 24 hours. Refer to the illness section of the parent handbook. Follow the CDC's recommendations!

We are in this together and together we will stay healthy!