Weekday Early Education

2020-2021 Parent Handbook Addendum

**Open Door Policy**

Due to COVID, parents are not allowed in the facility unless there is an emergency. Even though parents are not allowed in the classroom this year, please feel free to reach out to the office or your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns.

**Late Pick-up:**

Parents are not allowed in the building. Please see our carpool pickup procedures for child pickup if you are late. Fees still apply.

**Hours of Operation:**

Please see our carpool/drop off procedures for adjusted times.

**Snacks:**

Snacks will still be provided by families on a rotating schedule. This year please send pre-packaged snacks that can be wiped down by staff. Fruits need to be limited (until further notice) to: pre-packaged sliced apples, bananas, clementines. Please no homemade snacks at this time. We still recommend cheese sticks, yogurt, applesauce, etc. WEE Care does not allow any snacks that contain nuts or are manufactured in a facility with nuts.

**Personal Belongings:**

Please wash your child’s school tote bag and any items in their bag on a weekly basis.

**Sick Child Policy:**

Please bring ONLY well children to school. If a child exhibits such symptoms as fever, pink eye, earache, headache, flu, virus, yellowish nasal discharge, vomiting or diarrhea and the illness is **diagnosed by a doctor to have an illness other than COVID** they may return to school after 24 hours of being symptom free and without the use of fever reducing medicine. This is for your child’s welfare as well as that of other children in the school. **Children should be free of temperature (without fever-reducing medicine) for at least 72 hours before returning to school if diagnosed with COVID.**

Please see the Parent Handbook and COVID Quick Information Sheet for additional sick policy information.

**COVID-19 Policy (we will follow the ever-changing CDC guidelines):**

Scenario A

Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been tested OR Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID -19:

Person can return to preschool when they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

1. Has it been 10 days since symptoms first appeared?

2. Has it been at least 3 days since the person had a fever (without fever reducing meds)?

3. Has it been at least 3 days since the person’s symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

\*Once the criteria above are met, it is not necessary to require a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to preschool.

Scenario B

Person has not had symptoms of COVID-19 but has been diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a positive test:

Person can return to preschool once:

1. 10 days passed since the date of their first positive test.

However, if the person develops symptoms of COVID-19 after their positive test, they must be able to answer YES to ALL three questions listed above before returning to preschool.

Scenario C

Person has been excluded because of COVID-19 symptoms but then tests negative for COVID-19:

Person can return to preschool once they can answer YES to both questions:

1. Has it been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines?

2. Has the person felt well for at least the past 24 hours?

Scenario D

Person has been determined to be in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19:

Person can return to preschool after completing 14 days of quarantine at home. The purpose of the quarantine is to determine if a person who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will get infected. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. However, if the person tests positive or develops COVID-19 symptoms, return to preschool must follow criteria above.

\*If a case of COVID-19 enters the Preschool, we will work with local health officials to determine an appropriate course of action. This may include a short-term (2-5 day) closure to allow for cleaning, contact tracing and a decision to be made about the appropriate next steps.

**Parent Involvement:**

At this time, volunteers and family members are not allowed in the classroom or playground. We pray this changes!

**Rainy Day Reminder:**

Carpool will run rain or shine!

**Special Programs Information:**

Our Christmas Program and End of Year Celebration are TBD.