

# ***White Rock Christian Academy***

## ***Junior Kindergarten COVID-19 Policy***

In light of the COVID 19 global pandemic, we want to share with you our protocols based on the advice from Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC Centre for Disease Control, and the Fraser Health Authority.

### **DROP OFF PROCEDURES:**

- Please park in the gravel lot.
- Children can be dropped off in the classroom between 8:35-9:00am.
  - Families with older children in Junior/Senior School – 8:35-8:45am
  - Families with only children in Junior Kindergarten – 8:45-8:55am
- One parent/guardian should accompany their child into the classroom.
- If possible, please no siblings. Babies and younger siblings are okay if they are able to stay with their parent/guardian.
- Children and parents will be given hand sanitizer to use upon entering the classroom.
- Parents are required to use a face covering when entering the school building.
- Parents will sign in their child. Please sanitize your hands before signing in your child.
- Parents will need to maintain physical distance (2M) from the teachers, other parents and children.
- Please leave the classroom promptly.
- If you need to talk to one of the teachers, please send an email or make arrangements in advance.

### **PICK UP PROCEDURES:**

- Please park in the gravel lot.
- Class time has been extended to 1:00pm.
- Children will be dismissed from the cement lot next to the gravel parking lot.
- They will wait in their socially distanced squares until a teacher calls their name.
- Parents will wait for their child behind the green fence.
- Please sanitize your hands before signing out your child.
- Parents will need to maintain social distance (2M) from staff, other parents and children.
- If you need to talk to one of the teachers, please send an email or make arrangements in advance.

### **HEALTH ASSESSMENT:**

- We will ask if your child or family has had any flu like/cold symptoms. Please indicate your response on our sign in sheet.
- A teacher will be taking your child's temperature at the door.

- Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 OR has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential service workers.
  - Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider.
    - Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has cold, influenza, or COVID19-like symptoms, provided the student/staff is asymptomatic. It is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider.
    - Students and staff who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19-like symptoms, which are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. If they experience any change in symptoms they should seek assessment by a health-care provider.
- If any child falls ill throughout the course of the day, parents/emergency contact will be called for immediate pickup. If a family member from the same household has been sick, please inform us.
- Children will not be allowed to return to school until cleared by a health professional. Please provide us with a doctor's note stating that your child is safe to return to school.
- Teachers will maintain the same illness policy for themselves. It may be necessary to close on a day when staff are sick and suitable subs cannot be found.
- We will close if there are any confirmed cases of COVID from staff or enrolled children/parents. We will monitor closely and stay in communication with parents.

### **CLEANING:**

- Throughout the day commonly touched areas (door knobs, light switches, toilet handles) will be wiped down with a sanitizing solution.
- At the end of the day, all toys, materials, tables and chairs will be wiped down with a sanitizing solution.
- Clean and disinfect any surface that is visibly dirty.
- Before and after snack, the teachers will be cleaning and sanitizing the tables.
- Regular cleaning and disinfection are essential to preventing the transmission of COVID-19 from contaminated objects and surfaces. WRCA will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings. WRCA has significantly increased cleaning services during this pandemic (e.g. two daytime custodians to ensure cleaning services are provided throughout the school day).

### **PERSONAL HYGIENE:**

- Children will be asked to regularly wash their hands. (before/after snack, after the sneeze/cough and after playing outside)

- Children will be regularly reminded to cough/sneeze into their elbow and to keep their hands away from their face.
- Children will not be required to wear masks.
- Teachers will be wearing a mask or a face shield.

### **CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT:**

- Any hard to clean items such as stuffed animals, playdough, clay and any sensory items will not be readily available. We will only use sensory activities when a teacher is available to monitor hand washing.
- Children will be encouraged to play in small groups.
- At snack time, we will be spreading out the children around the room.
- We will do our best to be outside more as the weather allows. Please make sure your child has a muddy buddy, a pair of boots and an extra change of clothes in their cubbies.

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS:**

- Please send individually packaged snacks or small toys.
- These will be handed out at the end of the day.

**Please do not send hand sanitizer with your child.**

**Hand washing is our best defense and we will continue to monitor hand washing closely.**

**Hand sanitizer will be used as necessary and the teachers will be dispersing this to your child. Our classroom hand sanitizer will be kept out of reach of children.**