

Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool: COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022

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Creating a safe environment for the students and families while balancing fun play interactions is priority. We will follow guidelines set by government, the school division, École St. Mother Teresa School and our preschool board as necessary. Protocols may change throughout the school year, and we will ensure parents are up to date with information via newsletters and emails.

Sick Policy

- A strict sick policy will be enforced. If a child is showing **ANY** signs of illness, please do not send them to school. If at school a child is displaying signs of illness, **parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately**. We don't have a place to isolate while that child will be waiting for pick up, so we will have them sit by the door.
- Please refer to this government website for guidelines regarding COVID-19 isolation: [Self-Isolation | Living with COVID | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Masking

- Masking continues to be required in the preschool classroom. This policy is being discussed monthly at the board meetings. The only exception to this rule is during outdoor time. Students and staff/parent helpers are not required to mask outside.

Cleaning

- The parent helpers, along with the teacher, will all work together to sanitize as much as possible throughout the classroom time. At least one of the parent helpers will be a designated "sanitizer". Their job will be to observe the children and sanitize hands anytime they see a child touch their hands, sneeze, cough, etc. Parent helpers will also complete additional cleaning tasks during/after every class session such as spraying the toys at the end of play time and wiping the tables and chairs down before and after snack. We will be using the school supplied cleaners.
- An extra parent toy wash has been scheduled during the school year.
- Each child will have their **own paint shirt** and **their own play doh**.

Hand washing/Sanitizing

- Sanitize hands upon entry to the classroom. A bottle of sanitizer will be on the table closest to the doors so parents can sanitize their child's hands as they enter the classroom.
- Students will wash with soap and water prior to snack & after snack time if there is need, otherwise they will be sanitized after snack time.
- Soap and water will be used after washroom use.
- Hand sanitizer will be used as needed when soap and water is unavailable.

Snacks

- To decrease the handling and touching of snacks, please send snacks that your child can open independently. Also keep in mind we are a nut free facility.
- Children will bring their own filled water bottles with a lid for drink at snack. Water bottles will be brought home and washed after every school day. Please **DO NOT** send juice boxes.

Drop Off & Pick Up

- We are permitted to use the boot room so please ensure outdoor shoes are left in the preschool section behind the door in the boot room. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL SHOES/CLOTHING, WATER-BOTTLES, LUNCH KITS & EVENTUALLY JACKETS/SKI-PANTS/MITTS ARE LABELLED!**
- Parents are permitted to enter the school for drop offs. **Parents, please wear masks at drop off.**
- It would be very helpful to the teacher and parent helpers if your child uses the washroom before our day begins.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to navigate living with COVID-19!

Mrs. Soloduik and the Mother Teresa Preschool Board