



# 2020-2021

## Lexington Preschool

### COVID-19 Restart Plan

#### **Student and Caregiver Expectations:**

- ❖ Daily wellness checks of students before sending to school. Students with temperatures of 100°F or higher should stay home until fever free for 24 hours (without use of any medication to control fever).
  - Student temperatures will also be checked at the school before student is released by the caregiver and enters the building.
- ❖ Daily washing of hands or use of handsanitizer, upon entering the building.
- ❖ Washing of hands before gross motor and after returning from gross motor time in addition to washing hands any time a student uses the restroom, coughs/sneezes into hands, or blows his/her nose.
- ❖ Washing of hands prior to leaving the preschool classroom at dismissal time.
- ❖ Covering all coughs/sneezes with a tissue or inside of the elbow.
- ❖ Ensuring 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- ❖ Provide a water bottle daily for student with their name written on it to use throughout the day.
- ❖ Check student backpacks and make sure they are clear of toys and/or any plush items.
- ❖ Ensure contact information for all caregivers is up to date.
- ❖ Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.

❖ Parents are asked to pay particularly close attention to the following symptoms and err on the side of caution when deciding to send your child to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### **Sanitation and Deep Cleaning:**

❖ Classrooms will be fully disinfected on a daily basis.

❖ Preschool classrooms will be disinfected between AM and PM classes.

❖ Drinking fountains will be shut off and students will be asked to bring a water bottle with them to school to avoid sharing a common fountain.

❖ Handsanitizer stations will be available in all classrooms and throughout the building.

### **Training:**

❖ All Lexington preschool staff members have attended a meeting regarding the protocols of the District Restart Plan and are up to date on the ODE guidelines for Early Learning and reopening COVID protocols for preschools and childcare facilities.

❖ All custodial and maintenance staff at Lexington Local Schools understand the protocols on proper cleaning related to COVID-19.

### **Vigilantly Assessing Symptoms:**

Students, caregivers and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school. Those with temperatures over 100 degrees are asked to stay home.

❖ School Temperature Checks: All students and staff members will have their temperatures taken daily.

➤ Student's temperatures will be taken when they report to their first class of the day using a touchless infrared thermometer. Students that have a temperature of 100 degrees or above will be sent home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

Face Coverings: Facial coverings have been mandated by the Governor for all staff members (mask/shield). In order to be able to allow all students to return to school 4 days a week, there will be a few times during the day when student face covering will be required due to an inability to maintain proper distancing. Facial coverings will be worn during all transitions. This would include entering and leaving the school, restroom breaks, transitioning to Fine Arts, and going out and coming in from recess.

❖ Staff: All staff members will be required to wear facial coverings while at work (mask/shield). Staff members may remove their facial coverings only when they are working in an isolated setting. If a facial covering is not medically appropriate for a staff member, or makes performing their contracted work impossible, a face shield may be substituted; examples of this would include staff in the primary grades, speech pathologist and phonics and phonemic awareness instruction.

## **Students:**

➤ Arrival, Dismissal, Hallway and Class Changes: Due to large amounts of people in the hallways during arrival, dismissal and class changes, students will be required to wear a face covering during transition times.

➤ Class Time: Students are not required to wear a face covering while they are in the classroom, although they are welcome to do so. If you prefer for your child to wear a face covering throughout the preschool day, please, address this in a letter to the preschool teacher. Teachers and Educational Aides will use a plexiglass divider when they are providing instruction in close proximity.

➤ Snack: Will be provided by the district and follow the snack outline in the preschool handbook.

➤ Medical Issues: If your child has a medical issue that prohibits them from being able to comply with the face covering expectations, please contact the building principal and she will provide a face covering exemption form that will need to be completed by the child's doctor.

➤ Parents are responsible for providing their child with a face covering. If it is impossible for a parent to provide this, they need to contact the preschool teacher or building principal.

➤ Backpacks should only contain folder, water bottle, and change of clothes following the guidelines in the preschool handbook.

❖ Our face covering plan will be adjusted on an as needed basis to comply with mandates and guidelines issued at both the state and local level.

Preschool Classroom Guidance: Adjustments will be made to allow as much distancing and avoidance of shared items within the classroom as possible. We recognize some of these changes are not ideal, but they are necessary "one year adjustments," and not permanent changes. Making these adjustments and sacrifices for one year will allow us to restart our classrooms and comply with state and Health Department guidelines.

❖ Teachers will use all available classroom areas to space students out in their classroom to the greatest extent possible, but still allowing them to play.

❖ AM and PM classes will play with different toys, they will be switched out between sessions. Stations that remain the same will be sanitized in-between AM and PM class; i.e.- kitchen area, desks, etc.

❖ Play and socialization will be encouraged in groups of 4 or less students; each center will have a student limit.

❖ Gross Motor Time: Adjustments will be made to provide as much distancing as possible.

- ❖ Ancillary items in the classrooms that are not necessary will be removed for the year. This would include items such as stuffed animals, plush chairs, or other similar items that may create a common shared surface.
- ❖ There will not be shared supplies for the 2020-2021 school year.
- ❖ We will allow birthday treats or presents that are pre-packaged and sent to the room in their current package. Please, do not remove them from the container or box that they arrived in.
- ❖ Classroom doors will remain closed when the air conditioning is on but when the air conditioning is not in use the doors will be open to allow for as much air flow as possible. Baby gates will be utilized if needed.
- ❖ Classroom volunteers and parents will not be allowed for the 2020-2021 school year.
- ❖ Field trips will not take place during the first semester. Field trips will be reevaluated for the second semester based on health concerns at that time.
- ❖ Accurate classroom seating charts need to be maintained in all class settings for potential contact tracing issues.
- ❖ If distance learning becomes necessary, students with disabilities will receive special services via Google meets or can opt for itinerant services. Circle time activities will be available through Google Classroom and will be archived for later use if you can not watch the live version. Preschool is not compensatory and if you opt not to do the classroom work that is a personal and family decision.

### **Procedures for Positive Cases of COVID-19:**

- ❖ Parents are asked to notify the school if your child becomes ill.
- ❖ The Richland County Health Department will conduct all contact tracing.
- ❖ If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, a letter will be sent home to all students alerting them of the situation.
- ❖ Lexington Local Schools will work in close contact with the Richland County Health Department on the appropriate steps to take should a staff member or student be confirmed as having COVID-19.
- ❖ Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to have a letter from a physician or the Richland County Health Department releasing them to return to school before being readmitted.

### **School Guests and Visitors:**

- ❖ Conferences and meetings with staff members will be held virtually.
- ❖ Parents and volunteers will not have access to the building.

Start Date:

Preschool will start on Sept. 8.

Hours:

AM: 8:50-11:30 am

- Students may be dropped off ten minutes before arrival time through the drop off procedures listed above.

PM: 12:55-3:30 pm

- Students may be dropped off ten minutes before arrival time through the drop off procedures listed above.

Supply Drive by Drop Off:

Sept. 1

AM: 1:00-1:30 pm

PM: 1:30-2:00 pm

Tuition:

\$100 monthly during regular scheduled school

Tuition will be charged on a monthly basis and will not be prorated if we are forced to close in the middle of the month.

Orientation:

Virtual orientation will be held for preschool students.

To avoid extremely large gatherings, we will not hold open house in a traditional fashion.

### **Social Distancing and Building Specific Procedures:**

Providing complete social distancing is not possible within a school setting without greatly reducing the amount of students allowed in a building at one time; which would result in a significant reduction in the education we could provide to our students, Lexington Local Schools will make an effort to space out students to the greatest extent possible while still providing a full school day to all students.

### **Arrival:**

- AM parents will drop off their student at the fence/gate after their student's temperature has been taken.
- PM parents will drop off their student at the front doors after their student's temperature has been taken.

### **Dismissal:**

- AM Parents will arrive at 11:30 am at the front doors and meet the class there for pick up and not enter the building.
- PM Parents will arrive at 3:30 pm at the front doors and meet the class there for pick up and not enter the building.
- Maintain proper distancing as much as possible.
- Parent ID will be checked upon pickup.

**Special Services:**

- Meetings will be held virtually for all IEP/ETR annual/initial meetings.
- Therapies will be provided individually or in small groups if attending center based.
- If virtual schooling becomes necessary services will be provided through google meets.
- Itinerant Services will be offered during the COVID period.