

Gentle Learning PRESCHOOL

FAQs

How many children will be in each classroom?

Each classroom will have no more than 15 students. There will be 2 adults assigned to each classroom.

Will my child need to wear a face covering?

Per the executive order, all students and staff will be required to wear a face covering while at school. When outside, we will have a designated area for children who would like a break from wearing their face covering. Social distancing will be required and monitored closely in this area.

How will social distancing be achieved in the classroom?

All learning and playing activities will be designed with social distancing in mind. We will encourage and remind students to spread apart when necessary.

What happens if my child doesn't want to keep his face covering on? Do they have to go home?

If a child is struggling to keep their face covered, we will give them gentle reminders and help them adjust as necessary. This is a new concept for everyone, we are here to guide and teach our young learners. If a child is insistent that they won't wear their face covering and we cannot change their minds with redirection and guidance, we will contact their parent for additional support as needed.

What are the procedures if someone becomes ill?

Please refer to attachment for our detailed COVID-19 Safety Procedures.

How many kids would be on Zoom calls?

We will try to limit our Zoom calls to 10 or fewer students. While we don't want too many kids on each call for practical reasons, we also don't want too few. Preschool (even remote preschool) should be a social space where kids get to know one another and develop friendships while learning and practicing important developmental skills.

Will you eliminate special events and outside visitors?

While we absolutely love welcoming families into our preschool for special events, right now we are going to be extra careful and only allow students and staff inside Gentle Learning Preschool. We will reassess this decision throughout the year.

FAQs Continued...

What will a typical day look like?

A typical day in preschool this year will look very similar to before. The main differences will be increased disinfecting and sanitizing of toys and hands and that all will be wearing face coverings.

We will still play together and read stories. We will still dance and sing. Your child will still create amazing little projects and treasures throughout the day. Our teachers will be encouraged to spend more time outside while the weather is nice.

What will drop off and pick up look like?

To begin the year, we will do drop off and pick up outside Door #15 of the Recreation Center. To decrease the number of outsiders into our building, only staff and students will be allowed in. Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered to eliminate crowding. Parents will be asked to get their child into and out of their car seats and then stay by their cars until a teacher comes to you. At that time, they will sign you in and walk your child to their class in the grassy area. Once all have arrived, we will walk into the preschool through the back door and into our classroom. We will reassess pick up and drop off procedures as the colder months approach to determine any necessary adjustments.

Pick up will be much the same. We will come out of the school as a class and wait in the grassy area. Each parent will be given a sign with their child's name on it to display in your windshield. We ask that you stay by your car and we will walk your child to you. If someone, other than the usual pick up person, is coming, we ask that you notify us beforehand. We will check their ID against our authorized pick up sheet.

If Illinois reverts to a previous stage of the Restore Illinois plan will you still be offering this program?

Due to the evolving nature of the pandemic situation, Gentle Learning Preschool will be prepared to adapt as further guidelines and mandates are developed. We have every intention of continuing to welcome our preschoolers into our school. If a state order mandates DuPage County back into a previous phase of the Restore Illinois plan, we will evaluate and adjust our safety procedures and guidelines accordingly to comply with state restrictions.