

Parents/Guardians,

Although I don't know what the school year may bring, we want to reassure parents and guardians that we are adhering to all of the guidelines, policies, and procedures set forth by NC's Department of Health & Human Services, as well as the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

While making this decision can be difficult, please know that we take the safety, health, and well-being of our staff, children, and families seriously, and so we have put together updated policies and procedures for **Preschool for the 2020-2021 school year**:

- For safety reasons and to be able to maintain proper social distancing, **there will be no more than 10 assigned children to a classroom. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis, as spots will be limited.**
- Drop-off and pick-up will no longer take place inside of the Field House. Instead, sign-in and sign-out will now take place directly outside the entrance to the Field House. Until things are somewhat back to normal, this will be the process moving forward. We are trying to limit the number of people that come in and out of the building to only staff and preschoolers who have been screened at this time. Please make sure whoever is dropping off the child(ren), is wearing a mask and maintains a proper distance.
- Upon signing in, your child(ren) will be screened and then walked in by a staff member. Staff will also be screened each day before they can interact with the children. Your child's temperature cannot exceed 100.0°. Please stand on the taped X's on the concrete before approaching to maintain social distancing. You must wait until the screening of your child(ren) is complete before leaving.
- **If your child presents COVID-19 symptoms, has a fever of 100.0° or higher, or if he/she doesn't pass the screening, then your child cannot be admitted in.** If your child starts to experience COVID-19 symptoms later in the day or develops a fever, the child will have to leave, and a parent/guardian must be able to immediately come pick them up.
- All teachers and staff interacting or supervising the children will be required to wear a mask. **For the safety of everyone, it will also be required that ALL preschoolers wear a mask. Parents are expected to provide properly fitted masks for their child(ren). Orange County Sportsplex and KidsPlex will not be responsible for providing masks for its preschoolers. Please pack an extra mask or two for safety purposes.**
- Please note that at this time, the 4/5 class will not offer swim lessons due to the inability to practice proper social distancing practices with the instructor as outlined by the NCDHHS. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Parents/Guardians will be asked to supply their child's snacks and lunches, which must be completely **NUT-FREE (cannot have 'may contain' any nuts on the label or have anything that is processed in a nut facility)**. Your child will also need their **own** water bottle daily.
- We ask that to be able to still do crafts, that parents/guardians send their children with their own basic art supplies (crayons, markers, scissors, glue) in a pencil box. It can stay in their cubby, but please make sure their name is on it.

- All other materials/supplies/equipment that we use will be thoroughly sanitized before the next group uses it. We have also heightened our end-of-day cleaning procedures, as well. All cleaning solutions will be EPA registered disinfectants, per the CDC's guidelines.
- Spaces that KidsPlex will be utilizing will be taped to ensure social distancing, posters will be put up around the facility to remind children of the social distancing rule, as well as other posters to remind children not to touch their eyes, nose, or mouth, and posters in the bathroom to demonstrate the proper hand-washing technique.
- There will be an adequate amount of hand sanitizer in touch-free dispensers placed around the facility for situations where handwashing is not available.

We understand that there are a lot of new policies and procedures that must be put in place for the safety of our staff, preschoolers, and families, but we are still looking forward to a fun and memorable school year with your little ones! Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your child(ren).

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

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