



Health and Safety Plan 2020-2021

Please note that this is a **living document** that will be revised according to the guidelines issued by the CDC (Center for Disease Control), the State of Florida, the Florida Department of Education, other health agencies and after consultation with the Office of Catholic Schools and Centers of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Dear St. Paul Families,

We are so delighted to have the opportunity to serve you and to share with your children one of their first educational experiences. As COVID-19 continues to impact our lives, our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment while providing the highest quality preschool experience. With that in mind, we have prepared the attached health and safety protocols.

We will hold a Family Orientation Meeting for caregivers only on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00pm in the main church. This meeting will also be live streamed on Facebook and available to view on the St. Paul Catholic Preschool website. During the following week, August 17 – 21, you will be able to sign up to attend a one-on-one meet and greet session with your child's teacher. It is our hope that this will help ease the transition of returning to school and give you an opportunity to view the classroom in a relaxed setting, using appropriate physical distancing protocols.

Each child is required to have a signed waiver acknowledging that you understand that there is a risk involved in sending your child to school. Although we will need to begin the school year with very strict procedures, it is our hope that we will be able to return to our regular practices soon.

Working together we will strive to keep all of our children safe. Keep in mind that this is a very fluid situation and our guidelines may change. However, we will communicate any changes as they arise. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to care for your children.

Peace,
Mindy Geer



Director

Important Calendar Dates

- August 12 – Family Orientation, Main Church – 6:00pm
- August 17 – 21 – One-on-one Meet and Greets with Teachers (more information to come)
- August 24 – First day for 5-day (Monday – Friday) and 3-day (Mon/Wed/Fri) classes
- August 25 - First day for Tuesday/Thursday classes

St. Paul Catholic Preschool Procedures in Accordance with CDC Guidelines

As of July 27, 2020

St. Paul Catholic Preschool has always followed strict protocols to ensure the health and safety of our children and staff during the annual cold and flu season. This year, we need your help more than ever.

This is what is new:

Everyone will be screened prior to entering the facility. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or are sick, he/she will not be allowed to enter the building.

Family Responsibilities

1. Please stay home if you or your child have exhibited any symptoms of illness (fever, coughing, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal issues, vomiting, etc.) within the past 48 hours
2. Keep your child home for 10 days if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
3. Contact the preschool if your child or anyone in your immediate family tests positive for COVID-19
4. Bring a doctor's note to school if your child has a chronic condition such as asthma or allergies that produces a cough
5. Follow the latest CDC guidelines in regards to frequent handwashing, masks in public and physical distancing

Absences

Families must contact the preschool office by 9:00am if your child will not attend school. Please call (813)-264-3314 or email kmende@stpaulchurch.com if your child(ren) are going to be absent and the reason for the absence.

Drop Off Procedures

- Each class will have a designated drop off area
- All adults must wear masks or facial coverings when dropping off their child(ren)
- Children are not required to wear a mask
- Families cannot enter the facility unless it is an emergency or by appointment
- The child's temperature will be taken before they can enter into the building
- As usual, children will wash hands upon entering the classroom

Pick Up Procedures

- Children in the Parish Center will be released only through the car line
- Children in the modular classrooms will be released through the pavilion or car line
- Children picked up prior to the designated dismissal time must be signed out through the office. Families are to remain in the Parish Center Lobby and not enter the building. Your child will be brought to you.
- Again, all adults must wear masks or facial coverings.

Daily Procedures within the Classroom

- If a child becomes sick at school, they will immediately be removed from the classroom and brought to the school office until a family member arrives
- Each class shall remain intact throughout the day with the same group of children and teachers
- Unlike past years, classrooms will remain separated to minimize your child's exposure to other children and adults as much as possible
- We will continue our cleaning and disinfecting efforts of high touch surfaces.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned using a soap and water mixture, then disinfected with a bleach and water solution as recommended by the CDC

Hand Washing

Children will wash their hands at least four times in the course of a morning. We suggest you do the same in the afternoon and evening.

- All children and staff must follow proper hand washing routines throughout the day
- Hands must be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Hand washing routine will be as follows:
 - Arrival in the classroom
 - Before and after eating snack
 - After being outdoors
 - After using the toilet or having their diaper changed
 - After blowing their nose, coughing and/or sneezing

Playground

Outdoor play is essential. This year we will ensure that classes remain separated to minimize the potential for exposure.

- Every class will have daily outdoor play on the playground, pavilion or in the grass area in front of church
- Classes will not co-mingle in outdoor areas
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home to be taken outdoors.

Classroom Toys

- We disinfect the toys and classrooms every day and when soiled.
- All toys and equipment that cannot be adequately disinfected will be eliminated at this time.

Please note that additional protocols and guidelines will be incorporated if necessary.