

What are we doing to maintain a clean and sanitized Preschool?

Since opening our Preschool, the health and safety of our children and teaching team has always been a top priority. We hold our Nationally Accredited Preschool to high standards of safety and cleanliness while maintaining a caring and nurturing environment where children can thrive.

During this time of enhanced concern, our school is continuing to stay up to date with the latest state and local guidelines, licensing requirements, and CDC guidelines regarding the safety and wellbeing of your child. We are committed to follow health and safety requirements as well as to meet or exceed the guidelines from local and state officials.

Winfree Preschool will continue to follow the existing stringent health and safety protocols including:

- Frequent handwashing by children and teachers, which is embedded in our curriculum and daily accreditation protocols.
- Lower teacher-child ratios than what is required by state, providing more one on one care for your child.
- Wearing a mask is optional, unless required by VDH for exposure
- A two-teacher per classroom mandatory requirement
- Frequent disinfecting and sanitizing of high-touch toys and surfaces
- Removal of dress up clothes and items that cannot be laundered
- Requiring any children with a fever to return home and stay home until fever free for at least 24- hours
- Training our teachers on common signs of illness in children and placing signage in every classroom to keep signs of illness on forefront.
- Continuous health and safety training, including first aid and CPR certification for all teachers
- Maintaining an up-to-date and customized Safe School Plan posted in all classrooms (Emergency Plan)

Our Preschool has implemented enhanced procedures to limit the spread of Covid-19 and are frequently communicating with families and our teaching team to convey the enhanced measures at our school. Depending on the guidance by local and state officials, enhanced procedures and above normal health and safety protocols may include:

- Limiting the number of people who enter our building to our current teaching team and the currently enrolled children.
- Further reducing child to teacher ratios and eliminating combining children from different classrooms
- Hand sanitization for all children and the teaching team
- External drop off and pick up of children

- Increased frequency of hand washing
- Increased sanitation of frequently touched surfaces and toys
- Limiting use of playground equipment to one classroom at a time
- Individual Snack group time
- Carpet areas and flooring cleaned and sanitized daily
- Fans that provide air circulation throughout the classroom and hallway have been placed throughout the school
- Filters throughout the school have been replaced more often to provide better air quality
- Merv 13 HVAC filters to provide the best air quality for the school

For more information and resources on coronavirus, please visit the CDC website, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Department of Social Services