

# *Preschool*

## **Preschool Reopening Plan of Action - Covid-19**

### **Drop-off**

Temperature checks by a lead teacher outside before entering the building. Drops offs will take place outside of the school. One masked parent/guardian may walk the student to the sidewalk to greet their teacher during drop-off. Parents may also choose to pull up to the curb for a curbside drop-off. Your child's teacher will take the child's temperature through the car window. Children will then open the door and exit the car. Students will need to be unbuckled and be able to exit the car independently without teacher help. Parents/guardians will not be permitted inside the building.

### **Pick-Up**

Children will be dismissed at 3:25 pm daily. The students will be lined up in the hallway 6ft socially distanced. There will be two teachers outside who will greet the parent/guardian while remaining preschool staff will escort the child out of the building to the parent.

### **Masks**

Children will lovingly be encouraged to wear a face mask when arriving at school, in the hallways, and throughout the day, except when resting, playing outdoors and eating.

### **Bathroom Policy**

Teachers will surface clean ( toilet seat, sink faucets) frequently and monitor hand washing, this procedure will be consistent throughout

the day. Students must be fully potty trained including independent bathroom hygiene.

While toileting accidents are expected to occur on occasion with preschool students, accidents that are recurring and without improvement may result in the student being asked to temporarily stay home until successfully potty trained.

### **Snack**

Children will be responsible for bringing their own snack and water bottle. All water bottles must be clearly labeled. Water bottles will be sent home each day for cleaning.

Teachers will ensure children wash hands prior to and immediately after eating.

### **Lunch**

Children will bring a lunch from home every day.

Teachers will ensure that children wash hands prior to and immediately after eating

Children will be physically distanced at tables

\*weather permitting\* We will eat outdoor picnic style.

### **Rest Time**

Children will be responsible for bringing their own tot cot (labeled with their name). They will remain in their backpacks when not in use.

During rest time the children will be spaced at least 6ft apart.

Children are allowed to bring in **1** small lovey.

### **Classroom materials**

Children will have their own personal box of art materials labeled with their name (markers, crayons, scissors, glue stick)

For all other materials that will be communal, teachers will sanitize after each use

The children will utilize small rugs for carpet activities and trays for table-top activities. This will aid in personal space.

Materials that are mouthed shall be removed for sanitizing immediately.

## **General Information**

**Rest Time:** Students attending a full day of school have the opportunity for a rest/nap time. Your child may bring in one “lovey” or a blanket for rest time. Each child will bring in their own tot-cot labeled with their name. Tot cots when not in use will remain in their backpack. We are very active and busy during our preschool day. Children at this age need time to rest and recharge their bodies. Research has shown that adequate sleep or rest improves attention, behavior, learning and emotional mental and physical health.

### **Change of Clothes:**

We have a lot of fun throughout the day which can sometimes get messy. Please send in a change of clothes to include a shirt, bottoms, socks, comfortable shoes and 1-2 pairs of underwear in a labeled ziplock bag. These items will be stored in the classroom and will also be available in case there is an accident. Please put your child’s name on each item sent into school!

**Toys from home:** Children are welcome to bring a stuffed animal (lovey) for nap time. We ask that all other action figures, baby dolls and commercialized toys of any kind stay at home. We have plenty of supplies, materials, and games for your child to work with each day in the classroom.

**Birthday Celebrations:**

Birthdays are important to preschoolers and are celebrated in our classroom. Children are invited to bring in their favorite book from home to share with the class. We will sing and present them with a special sticker.

**Lunch:** Children are responsible for bringing in their own lunch. Please be aware we can not store lunch boxes in a fridge nor do we have a microwave to heat up a lunch. At St. Ignatius, we focus on healthy choices so please be mindful of our no sugar policy when packing your child a lunch.

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Our Classroom Newsletters will be emailed to you each Friday. This

will provide our monthly themes, academic and faith focus goals. St. Ignatius Preschool staff is always happy to meet with parents so if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to schedule a time to meet or we can be reached by email.

We feel it is important to provide communication between home and school. Although having daily conversations with parents and caregivers is the focal point about the happenings and excitement in our classrooms, a picture says a thousand words! We are excited to give parents an opportunity to take a peek inside our classrooms through the private photo-sharing app, SeeSaw. If you do not have access to SeeSaw yet, keep an eye out for an invitation in your email! You will not want to miss out on this!

**School Attire:** Navy or Khaki shorts or pants, St. Ignatius preschool t-shirts and sweatshirts (purchased from school). Girls may also wear navy or khaki jumpers or skirts and may wear white or navy leggings underneath.

**Drop-off and Pick-up:** Drop off time is from 8:10 am -8:30 am. Pick up time is at 11:45 for half day and 3:25 for full day. Please respect these times so we can focus our attention on learning during our day.

### **Snack Time**

Children will be responsible for bringing in a snack each day.

Below is a list of good snacks to consider:

Sausage/Cheese/Crackers, Cinnamon Toast, Bagels and cream cheese, Graham Crackers, Cheese Sticks, Apples, Veggies and dip Goldfish, crackers, pretzels, and muffins

Hydration is an important part in learning! **Students are required to**

**bring a water bottle to school. Please make sure your child's water bottle has his/her name on it and that it is filled with water only.**

***Illness*** Your child may not be allowed to come to school if he/she has the following symptoms:

\*Fever of 100.4 degrees or above, contagious skin or eye irritation, vomiting, diarrhea more than 3 times in two hours, unexplained rash or sores

If your child displays any of these symptoms while in our care, we will call you to come pick up your child. Your child will need to be symptom free and fever free (without fever reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

**Please be mindful that due to Covid 19 outbreak, we will be very diligent in our daily check-ins and will continue to monitor the children's health throughout the day for the safety and well being of our students and staff.**

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in the fall and once again in the spring. We really enjoy this time to be able to sit down and talk with you about your child's development. If you have any questions or concerns before this please feel free to call or email. It is important for us to work together as a team to ensure your child's success in preschool.

### **Safe Environment Training**

The Diocese of Boise requires all parents who want to work, volunteer or attend classroom events to complete their Safe Environment Training. You can find more information about how to register at [www.catholicidaho.org](http://www.catholicidaho.org) or call the front office for further information.