



Dear Lads & Lassies Families,

July 2020

We hope all is well with you and yours! We are looking forward to a great 2020-2021 school year! In this letter you will find the most up to date information about our plans to safely open preschool this fall. Safety has always been our #1 priority at Lads & Lassies, and this year it is more than ever. Our goal is to maintain a healthy environment for students and teachers while providing a positive and loving experience for all children in our care.

As a licensed preschool, we are required to follow all licensing rules set forth by ODJFS and The Ohio Department of Health. New rules have been enacted in response to COVID-19. These additional rules will require us to make some changes to our program. Below are some of the changes you can expect this fall:

### The following are **required** mandates for licensed preschools:

#### • **Daily Health Assessment and Temperature Check**

- Upon arrival, we will have a station where temperatures will be checked, and hand sanitizer used. \*This will be done for both staff and students
- If any individual has a temp of 100° or higher or is exhibiting any signs of illness, they may not enter the preschool area.
- At dismissal, children will wash or hand sanitize hands before leaving to go home.
- Please keep your child home if:
  - S/he is exhibiting ANY signs of illness
  - If anyone in your household is ill
  - Your child has been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19

#### • **Exclusion of Sick Children**

- If a student shows signs of illness OR develops a fever of 100° F or higher while at school the child will be isolated (in the office) and will remain with a staff member at all times
- Parents will be called to pick up the child
- [CDC protocol](#) will be followed to determine when the child may return to school
- If an employee or enrolled child tests positive for COVID-19, [CDC protocol](#) will be followed and ODJFS and the Ohio Health Department will be notified

#### • **Max Class Size of 9 Students**

*In order to adhere to the state mandated maximum class size of 9, current classes will need to be divided into smaller groups. To facilitate these additional classes, and to operate in alignment with Wyoming City School District, we are going to move to a 2-day-per-week-per-student schedule.*

UPDATED SCHEDULE:

### **Students will either attend Monday & Tuesday OR Thursday & Friday**

- On Wednesdays, interactive music videos, created by our Lads and Lassies music teacher, will be shared virtually
- Morning hours: 9-11:30am; afternoon hours 12:30-3pm (no change)
- Siblings will be kept on the same schedule
- Notification of your child's schedule (M,T or R,F) will be sent to you ASAP
- We have been able to accommodate original session preferences (AM vs PM) with this updated schedule
- Updated reduced tuition rate will be sent with your child's class placement
- We may be able to add additional activities and events later in the school year if COVID-19 conditions improve and mandates are updated

## **We will also be adhering to the following Ohio Dept. of Health recommendations:**

- Staff and students will be required to wear a face covering in the building unless it is medically unsafe for them to do so
  - Face covering will not be required while playing on the playground
  - Students will wear a face covering to school and we ask that you keep an extra in their backpack
- Drop off and pick up procedures will be adjusted to ensure social distancing
- Parent and visitor entry into the preschool area will be limited
- Multiple entrances and exits will be used for arrival and dismissal
- Large group activities will be suspended \*Revised Parent Orientation plan coming soon
- Use of communal spaces will be staggered to reduce the mixing of groups
- Use of communal spaces will be minimized
- Communal spaces and classrooms will be sanitized between groups
- Building wide enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocol will be enacted
- Drinking fountains will be closed

### **MISC NOTES:**

- **REMINDER: completed enrollment paperwork is due no later than Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mail in or scan and email to school**
- **We use a NOTES blog as our main form of communication between school and home**  
Along with your class assignment you will receive an email invite to join the blog. We ask that you join ASAP, and share the link with everyone on your childcare team \*Class assignments and the blog invite link will be emailed to you in the next few days
- If Wyoming City Schools close (due to community spread of COVID-19) we will also close. This may happen quickly, so we recommend you have a plan in place for this possibility.
- We recommend practicing mask-wearing with your child now. [Here is a link](#) to a helpful video about mask wearing for young children
- Detailed information about all other day-to-day preschool operations will be covered during Parent Orientation. In order to avoid large group gatherings, we are working on a revised format for Parent Orientation \*More info to follow
- In order to maintain social distancing we will be adding 2 additional days of Children's Open House (this is a parent and child event).
- **Children's Open House days will be August 24-25 and August 27-28.** 2-3 students and their caregivers will attend at a time \*Sign up Genius and more info to follow
- **The updated first day of school for students will be Monday, August 31st (for M,T students) and Thursday, September 3rd (for R,F students)**

Thank you for your partnership. This is uncharted territory for us all. Please subscribe to the blog to ensure you receive the most up-to-date information concerning all things Lads & Lassies. We will work through this together, make adjustments as needed, be realistic in our expectations, and do our best to keep ourselves and each other healthy 😊

Wishing you well,



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