

A Note from the Directors about School in the 21-22 School Year:

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We know that many of our families are anxious about what school will look like, again, for their little ones who are enrolled at CBCP this year, and we wanted to give an update on some of the changes you can continue to expect through this school year, in the interest of the safety of everyone in our building. Unfortunately it is hard to know for sure what all will be asked of us in the coming months, but we are always working actively to balance normalcy and safety for our staff and students. Last year we implemented new procedures that limit or eliminate time in shared spaces, and increase hand washing and sanitizing. We will continue to follow these procedures, and we are following CDC guidelines for cleaning, daily. Because we are a private preschool, we follow the guidelines from the Ohio Dept of Jobs and Family Services, rather than the Dept of Education, and we are in regular contact with our License Specialist from ODJFS to adjust class numbers, procedures, and toy availability. We are confident that our already small school setting will continue to lend itself well to these adjustments, and are hopeful that we can safely continue to have a relatively normal year with our students, as we did last year, with some minor adjustments to our daily schedules and procedures.

This year, we are still asking parents to take the temperature of their child before school each day, and a staff member will continue to scan each child at the door each morning to ensure that no one has a temperature over 100 degrees F. We are also asking that parents keep their child home if any symptoms are detected. They will continue washing their hands as soon as they enter, and often throughout the day. Our classes currently max out at 10 children. The biggest change past students may notice is that we are still limiting time in the “playroom”, as shared spaces are a much bigger risk. Each class gets one day per week to visit the playroom, rather than visiting it every day, and it is sanitized between each class's visit. That time is supplemented in each classroom on the days that their class does not visit the playroom. We are celebrating Party days in our classrooms, instead of all together, and the only planned field trips thus far are outdoors. Although we may have parents helping to plan our parties, we will not have our monthly room moms this year, *and any adult not on staff, and in the building during operating hours is asked to wear a mask.* We will have many opportunities for parents to help us from their homes this year. We do not plan to ask children to wear masks, but if the mandate comes from the Governor we will of course comply. Parents are always welcome to send their child in a mask if they wish. Teachers will continue to follow current state guidelines regarding masks in the classroom, and at pick up time, as they put each child in the car and converse with parents. In the event of a positive case in our school, we will be in contact with the local health department, and we will follow their guidance in each situation.

We are excited to be back at school, and while it may look a little different, we are looking forward to being able to celebrate special days in our classrooms and provide our children with the opportunity to build a unique bond this year with their Teacher and small group of classmates. As always, we are all subject to the Governor's mandates, and it is a fluid situation, but we are currently looking forward to a new year! Hopefully this helps to give our families a little bit of peace; we truly understand how difficult this has been on all of us, and we are continually lifting each of our families up in our prayers. We appreciate all of your prayers as well, as we seek daily for guidance in the health and safety of everyone in our building. If you have specific concerns or questions that we did not address, we will be happy to try and answer them to the best of our ability—simply email info.cbcp@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to seeing you all soon!
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