Outdoor Classrooms

Lavender Rose Preschool and Rosemary Kindergarten will be predominantly outdoors.

Teachers will orchestrate a daily rhythm with most activities taking place in the play yard, now divided for each class. Indoor story telling and circle time will be held for limited durations, spacing children 6 feet apart, when possible. Children will have indoor arts and crafts in staggered, small groups.

Each child will have individual art supplies, such as beeswax, clay and crayons, and can store their personal belongings using individual cubbies and hooks. A personal labeled chair will be provided for table activities, meal times and story.

Children in Early Childhood are not mandated to wear masks. Parents may have their children wear masks during drop off and pick up; otherwise, masks will not be required of children during the school day.

Mid-morning snacks, like fresh-baked bread rolls, will be served in individual portions by teachers. Children may not share or touch each other’s food. Children are asked to bring their own labeled and filled water bottles every day.

Arrival and Departure Plan

**Arrival**
- Drop off at classroom gate: 8:30 am
- Teacher receives each child at gate
- Health checks and sign-in sheet

**Departure**
- Curbside pick up: 12:30 pm
- Parent/caregiver waits in vehicle, until teacher brings class to pick up area
- Sign-out sheet

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**Face Coverings/ Masks Required**
For all adults at drop off and pick up, or anytime parents are on school grounds.

**Hand Washing**
- Before and after eating
- After using toilet
- After coughing, sneezing, nose and tear wiping
COVID-19 Exposure Response Plan

If a child has any COVID-19 symptom:

WSSB has designated a “health room” (office in the bathroom quad) for children who exhibit any symptom of COVID-19. A child who develops any symptom will be immediately removed from class and will need to wait in the health room to be picked up by a parent/caregiver.

The family should contact their healthcare provider immediately for medical evaluation, which may include testing. The child, if confirmed positive, should isolate at home and may return to school after meeting the CDC criteria to do so, including at least 24 hours with no fever (no meds), symptom(s) improved and at least 10 days since symptom(s) first appeared. If the test is negative, the child may return to school 3 days after symptom(s) resolved. If a medical provider diagnoses another cause of the symptom(s), a note from the provider with return to school instructions is required.

If a child has COVID-19:

Parents should immediately report confirmed COVID-19 infections to Administrator Carolyn Kaster at (805) 967-6656. The school will contact the local health department to seek assistance in responding to the sick child, including but not limited to, contact tracing and exclusion of children at school who were around the sick child (likely those in the same cohort, the teacher and household members). Any spaces where the sick child spent significant time will be disinfected and cleaned.

If a child is identified as exposed to COVID-19:

A child who was in close contact (less than 6 feet away, for a total of 15 minutes or more, even if they were wearing masks) with someone who is COVID-19 positive is considered to have been exposed. Exposed children will need to quarantine at home for 14 days after their last exposure to the sick child. Testing does not shorten 14-day quarantine.

HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN

Children should be screened before coming to school. Children should be kept at home and should be evaluated by a healthcare provider, if they exhibit any of the following signs and symptoms:

- fever (over 100.4 degrees)
- chills or repeated shaking with chills
- new and persistent cough
- new shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- new loss of taste or smell
- unusual fatigue*
- muscle pain*
- headache*
- sore throat*
- congestion or runny nose*
- nausea or vomiting*
- diarrhea*

Most frequently reported by those with COVID-19.

*Common to many other diagnoses; consult with a healthcare provider.

Parents must report absences and reason for absences each day by calling (805) 967-6656.