



As Children's Academy Preschool plans for our return to school, please note the following with regard to the program structure:

- The preschool classes will run in person in full initially with smaller class sizes unless the district is required to transition to a full distance learning model. In preschool, we are able to maintain the necessary lower class sizes without having to follow a hybrid model.
- As the district evaluates and finalizes their path from a hybrid model to full in-person learning for all grade levels, preschool and district administration will consider plans and the possibility for a safe transition to typical classroom sizes.
- If the district adapts to a full distance learning model, the preschool will also go to a full distance learning model. Plans are in development for the structure of this model but please know that it will include but will not be limited to, daily interactions and lessons between teachers & students. A lesser tuition will be charged and all billing will be adjusted accordingly. Once a plan for possible preschool distance learning is developed, we will share that with parents/guardians. Each family will have the choice whether or not to have their child participate however please know that should you not continue in the program during distance learning, we cannot guarantee your child's spot in the classroom should the program return to in person learning.

Program Structure

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Initial Parent/Guardian Survey Results

Final Survey to be sent week of August 3rd with response due by August 10th.

	Yes	No	Unsure
Are you planning to send your child to preschool in August?	55%	8%	35%

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Health and Safety of Students & Staff

Mitigation Strategies

- Cohorting of students – students remaining with individual classes
- Social distancing
- Masks/Face Coverings





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- Ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff as much as possible.
 - Teachers move among classrooms if needed
 - Limit mixing between groups as much as possible

Cohorting

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- Seating arrangements have been designed to incorporate individual spaces and social distancing as much as possible.
 - Increased student and adult hand-washing and sanitizing to include before and after each activity.
 - Administration and teachers are working with district administration to develop protocols for social distancing during drop off, dismissal, recess, etc.
 - School district will follow the Governor's current guidance related to large gatherings.
 - In preschool, classes will have smaller group sizes each day, approximately 9-13 students per room.
 - Hallway transitions will be minimized.
 - Individual lunch and recess plans are in development.

Social Distancing

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- All students and staff must wear a face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth unless there is a prohibitive medical reason.
- Protocols for increased and age appropriate number of “mask breaks” during the day are under development. We will be building in as many as possible!
- We ask students and staff to use their own face coverings.
- We will supply disposable masks as needed.
- Face shields may be worn in addition, but not in place of, masks.
- The Governor’s guidelines indicate the teachers can remove the mask “during instruction.” That removal should only be the case when full social distancing can be achieved.

Masks/Face Coverings

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Health and Safety of Students & Staff

Health Practices & Protocols

- Hand hygiene
- Cleaning procedures
- Air ventilation
- Self screening for staff and students
- Covid-19 cases in school





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- Frequent hand washing and disinfecting for both students and staff, including key transitions (lunch, recess, etc.)
 - Hand washing routines explicitly taught skill at the preschool level
 - Hand sanitizer has already been purchased in bulk.
 - Bottles of hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, and custodians will be able to refill from the 55-gallon drums
 - Hand sanitizing stations placed throughout school, including main entrances
 - Seek out and follow all medical advice offered to us through our partnership with the Farmington Valley Health District



Hand Hygiene

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- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of classrooms on a daily basis.
 - Bathrooms cleaned and disinfected twice daily
 - Use of cleaning logs – occupants know that space and materials have been sanitized
 - District to supply disinfecting wipes and/or spray bottles and paper towels if wipes are not available.


Cleaning Procedures

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- Following guidance issued by Department of Public Health (DPH)
 - Goal is to maximize fresh air intake
 - Improve air filtering, where possible
 - Air conditioners set to low speed and direct flow away from students
 - Box fans must send air out windows
 - Take advantage of outdoor space!

Air Ventilation

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- **Stay home if you are sick!**
 - Parents/Guardians and staff members: Requested self-screening/check prior to leaving for school:
 - No COVID-19 symptoms (dry cough, sore throat, sudden loss of taste or smell, etc.)
 - Temperature below 100 degrees Fahrenheit*

**Given the number of students and staff that would need to be monitored on a daily basis, we have been advised against daily temperature screenings upon arrival to school.*

Self Screening for Staff & Students

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- A confirmed case in the school building:
- Assess risk with local health officials
- Communicate to parents/guardians and school community accordingly
- Plan for short-term closure (2-5 days CDC recommendation) to clean and contact trace
- In consultation with local health officials, determine appropriate next steps, including decision on an extended closure

Covid 19 Cases in School

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- Recent adjustment of student days to allow for necessary professional development as well as delayed opening of district K-12.
- September 2 -4, 2020: Professional Development (PD) Days
 - Health and safety protocols
 - Social and emotional health - information and practices
 - Organization of physical spaces
- September 8, 2020: Preschool classes begin

Calendar

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Next Steps

*Develop plans for possible distance learning. Will communicate these plans to families before end of August.

*Determine class placements based on survey results (after 8/13)

