



## **A New School Year.... October 2020!**

We have so much to share with you regarding the start to our new school year, including all of the changes that are necessary when opening Preschool in 2020!  
*Please review this information carefully in preparation of the new school year.*

A short “meet and greet” session will be held at 10:00AM on the following days, in order for you and your child to meet the teachers. We will meet outside (weather permitting) on the Stone Cottage Lawn (you’ll see directional signs in the main parking lot). We will spend 15-20 minutes outside, and then you will walk your child across the street to the porch of the main building. We will have a practice run of the new drop-off routine so that everyone is prepared for the first official day of school. Teachers will take the students to see their new classrooms and spend 15-20 minutes getting to know them before bringing them back upstairs to practice the pick-up process. Parents should plan to wait in your cars during the time that the students are in their classes.

*Monday/Tuesday 2s - Tuesday, October 20*

*Monday/Wednesday 3s - Wednesday, October 21*

*Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4s (9-12pm) - Wednesday, October 21*

*Monday/Wednesday/Friday Extended 4s (9-1pm) - Wednesday, October 21*

*Tuesday/Thursday 3s – Thursday, October 22*

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The first full week of school will begin on Monday, October 26, and all classes will be a full session.

Class calendars for 2020-2021 are posted on our website: [chapelpreschool.org](http://chapelpreschool.org)

Teachers will use the Class Dojo app to communicate with parents. This is especially crucial this year, since face-to-face contact with teachers and parents will be limited. Pictures and videos will be posted, and messaging through the app should be your primary method of communication with teachers. We will use the Remind app for school-wide notifications. **Please be sure you have downloaded both of these apps and that you have the notification settings set to “on” so you don’t miss important updates!**



Drop-off time will be 8:45-9:00AM. Parents will walk their children across the street to the covered porch of the school building and follow directional signs to ensure physical distancing. You must help your child wash their hands in the portable sinks, answer COVID exposure questions, and wait for temperature screening prior to dropping off your child. Your child's teacher will be waiting right inside the lobby for your child, and will assist him/her downstairs to the classroom.

At pick-up, parents will come to the covered porch of the school building and follow directional signs to ensure physical distancing. Your child will be brought upstairs by his/her teacher and will be waiting right inside the lobby. We will bring your child outside to you.

We understand there may be times you are late or need to pick up your child early; however, we ask that you please limit this as much as possible so we do not have too many interruptions to the students' classroom routine.

You can help by preparing your student for how the drop-off and pick-up process will work, and practice saying a quick goodbye as you cross the street instead of blocking the front door and holding up the line.

*We realize these drop-off and pick-up procedures are different than in times past and will take some adjusting for everyone. Please be patient as we all learn together! It is our hope that once we practice this routine for a week or two, things will become quicker and smoother.*

Each student will need to bring in the following supplies, which will be stored in your child's classroom, since these personal items cannot be shared at this time:

*A backpack (full size)*

*1 box Crayola crayons*

*1 box Crayola washable markers*

*2-3 containers of Playdough (any colors)*

*Pull ups and wipes for 2 year olds*

*An extra outfit for 2 year olds and 3 year olds, in case they have an accident*

*\*Your teachers will let you know if any additional supplies are required*

A snack will be provided by the school and served daily. If you are more comfortable sending your child's snack from home, you are welcome to do so as long as every item is completely nut-free.

The Extended 4s class will be eating lunch together. All items must be nut-free. Please adhere to the Lunch Guidelines provided in the parent packets, which will be sent out soon.



Our goal is to maintain a healthy environment for all of our students and staff. Here are the steps we are taking:

- We will follow the advice and regulations of the NJ Department of Licensing, the CDC, and the Lincoln Park Health Department.
- Children must wear masks at drop-off and pick-up times, as well as any times they are walking throughout the building or near other classes.
- If you would prefer your child keeps their mask on throughout class, please be clear about these expectations with your child and discuss your preferences with the teachers.
- We will keep classes 10 feet apart to limit exposure.
- We will increase the students' hand-washing throughout the day.
- Each class will be assigned a bathroom stall to use, to limit exposure of other students in other classes.
- The building will be cleaned daily, including each classroom and bathroom used by students.
- All toys, tables, and chairs will be sanitized daily.
- We will monitor the air quality inside the classrooms and provide high quality air purifiers in every classroom.
- We will use a UV sanitizing light to sanitize the gym in-between every class use.
- The students' coats and backpacks will be hung at least one hook apart.
- We will sanitize each child's placemat and the tables before eating snack or lunch.
- No visitors will be allowed in the school area during school hours.
- All staff will wear a face mask or shield during the entire class session.
- You will receive a notice if your child is exposed to a contagious illness.
- We will adhere to a firm sick policy and will ask parents to immediately pick up students who appear under the weather or exhibit symptoms of illness while in class.
- We will notify you immediately if anyone in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19 (in which case, the class will self-quarantine and not return to school for two weeks).



Quarantine Responsibilities:

- Be honest in answering the COVID questions each morning. **Your honesty and openness regarding your students' potential exposure and symptoms will make the difference in keeping our entire school healthy! We must work together for everyone's best interest!**
- If you travel to a state with a travel advisory, your student(s) must not attend school for two weeks.
- If anyone in your family has been in contact with tests positive for COVID-19, your student(s) must not attend school for two weeks.
- If a class must quarantine because of a positive case, the class will close and students must remain home for two weeks. You are still responsible for tuition during that time, but you will be given a credit on the following month's tuition.

We apologize for any impact that these regulations may have on your family and we recognize the inconvenience these decisions may cause. Thank you for your understanding!

Despite these circumstances, we are incredibly excited to have your family back at The Chapel Preschool, and we are looking forward to having a wonderful year with your children!

If you have questions regarding any of this information, please email [jasmine@thechapel.org](mailto:jasmine@thechapel.org) or call Jasmine at 201-253-3509.