



# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Uniting Academics, Faith, and Family.

## Preschool Reopening Highlights

This document highlights the key elements for our reopening plan for preschool Faithful Beginnings at Good Shepherd. The protocols listed below are to reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information regarding preschool specific scheduling, class and teacher assignments, preschool meet-the-teacher times, and more will be provided in the coming weeks. Mrs. King and her team will release a video about the day in the life of a Good Shepherd preschooler.

### Classroom Cohorts

- Each preschooler will have a main lead teacher and an assistant teacher. We will have a full-time aide that floats between both classrooms.
- Preschool students will remain with their homeroom class throughout the day. Children will not mix with other classrooms at arrival, dismissal, in the hallway, nor on the playground.
- Class sizes are capped at 20 students per day.

### Face Coverings/Masks

- Face coverings will be required when entering/exiting the school, and in the hallways.
- Face coverings will be optional in the classroom.
- Each child will receive a gaiter from GS, as well as a mask. We will have masks on-hand if they are forgotten.
- Staff will wear masks when with their students, and will be able to use face shields when in the classroom with their students.

### Social Distancing

- Preschoolers will not be required to social distance from their main classroom peers. However, teachers will use discretion when in small groups to help students keep space from one another.
- Social distancing will be practiced when preschool students are in transition when other school-aged children are present.

### Pickup and Drop-Off

- Preschool students will have a separate drop-off and pickup from the K-6 students. They will be dropped off at Door 1, near the church where the awning is.

- Parents should park and walk their student(s) to the door for drop-off and pickup.
- Drop-off time is from 7:45am-8:05am. \*Specific details on this will come out.
- Pick up time is from 2:35pm-2:45pm. \*Specific details on this will come out.
- Students will be greeted by their teacher at the doors, and will have their temperature taken and will check-in using an application that will have a daily health checklist on it (More info will come on this communication app closer to the start of the year.)
- Parents and students must wear face coverings during this time.
- Preschoolers will be escorted to their classroom by staff members.

## **Lunch**

- Lunch will be provided by the school, which is included in your tuition.
- Students will eat lunch spaced out in the gym. They will be the only class eating in the gym during Phase 1 of reopening.
- We are peanut and tree nut free. Be mindful of any lunch packed from home.
- During Phase 1, it is encouraged to have students eat the provided lunch.
- We will provide water bottles for preschool students; we will wash them daily in the school dishwasher. Each child will have his or her own water bottle and will not be mixed.

## **Recess**

- Students will be separated by classroom cohort while outside playing. Balls and toys will be sanitized after use.
- There will be ample time to play outdoors.

## **Health Protocols**

- Hand washing and sanitizing will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and will happen frequently throughout the day (entering and exiting the building, before snack, after lunch, after bathroom use, and anytime necessary).
- Parents and teachers will encourage and teach hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
- Windows will be used to provide outdoor air within the classrooms, and we have outdoor spaces for learning.
- High-touch surfaces and shared items will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Students are allowed to bring hand sanitizer from home if they wish.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned mid-day in addition to regular cleaning.
- All classrooms will be cleaned at the end of the day with disinfectant.
- Shared supplies will be used in preschool, but will be sanitized after use. We are minimizing the amount of items out in the classroom to be able to rotate clean items through.
- Students will have their own blue cot for rest time; students will be spaced appropriately and the cots will be sanitized daily.

- Students will be allowed to bring a small resting blanket (no stuffed animals), which will be kept at school and sent home on Friday to be washed.

### **Health Checks**

- Parents must go through the Home Health Checklist before sending kids to school. Members of our community can help each other by making sure not to send sick children to school, while at the same time understanding that often symptoms do present themselves during the day.
- Preschool temperatures will be checked each day, and anytime a child feels ill.
- We will be in communication with the parents regarding illness while looking at the whole child and recommendations from healthcare providers.

### **Guests, Volunteers, and Parents**

- In Phase 1, we cannot have parents in the building or guests. We will work to share daily happenings with you about preschool.

### **Forging Forward in Faith**

- In Phase 1, preschool does not attend church. We will have prayer services within the classroom and possibly the church.
- We will do daily prayers and focus intently on our faith and love for others, our world, and everyone around us.
- We are working to finish an outdoor space for prayer services.

### **Distance Learning**

- Should K-6 have closures, we will make every attempt to keep preschool open the entire school year.
- Should cases arise in preschool, students and/or staff will follow MDH guidelines and consult with the school and healthcare providers how to proceed. Getting students tested and providing short closures may be necessary if cases present themselves.
- Each instance we have to close, we will analyze how to best support families, knowing that distance learning is not ideal for preschool-aged children.
- Should a child need to quarantine due to exposure from a family member at home, the preschool lead teacher will be in contact with that family to see if they want learning materials for home.
- Should the entire class have to quarantine due to a direct illness within the classroom, work will be provided for those days as an option.
- We are working closely with legal regarding tuition should we need to close for extended periods of time and will get specifics to families prior to the start of the year.
- Should the Governor issues a stay at home order we will remain open in preschool.