

Parent Handbook

COVID-19 2021/22 **Appendix**

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THE PLAN

Redeemer Lutheran School will be open with the health and safety concerns of all our families as a priority. Measures are in place to secure wellness practices, COVID-19 illness standards, increased hygiene procedures, and social distancing practices for the welfare of all. These guidelines align with the national and state recommendations for “Responsible Restart by Gov. Mike DeWine and ODJFS guidelines”. Redeemer Lutheran School has taken the criteria under serious consideration in the assembly of this plan. We are confident the safety of all families will be met within our school & Childcare programs. We ask that all parties adhere to the strict guidelines outlined for The Plan to be operational. We appreciate your full cooperation!

TEACHING STRATEGIES

Teaching early childhood using social distancing is the most challenging aspect of opening Redeemer Lutheran School. The general nature of young children is for them to play and interact with each other in their environment. Being quarantined has been very restraining on their age group. The big question is, how do we give them a learning environment that will work yet keep them safe. We will begin with COVID-19 rules, Redeemer classroom rules, and lessons on anxiety will be shared with the children. Each classroom is considered its own “family unit” or group. These groups will not combine without social distancing.

COVID-19 has changed our whole way of life currently and perhaps in the future as well. We hope the adjustments made during the transition are only temporary. Still, we are prepared to make whatever amendments are necessary to keep our children and staff healthy and safe now and in the future. We appreciate you continuing to be our partner and investing in the safety and protection of all. Thank you!

While many things will seem different with new procedures in place for the safety of all, this will still be an environment that fosters learning and fun. It is our goal to draw out and inspire the best in our children as we provide them with opportunities to create, learn and explore.

This handbook will lay out the changes as we enter the next phase from the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation is unprecedented and is constantly evolving, so all changes included in this handbook will remain as the “new normal” until further notice. We will make sure that all changes are realistic & feasible for staff and children by following the Center for Disease Control / Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and American Academy of Pediatrics, and Redeemer Lutheran church.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the policies and procedures that are outlined in this parent Handbook Appendix. They are in place to ensure that Redeemer Lutheran School is a safe & enjoyable place for your family.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

All classes Kindergarten, Pre-K, Doves and Lambs will attend a normal schedule.

Lambs: Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 -11:30 am

Doves: Monday/ Wednesday/Friday 8:30-12:30 pm

Pre-K: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 8:30-12:30 pm

Kindergarten: Monday /Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 8:15-2:15 pm

With the enrollment in any of our early childhood’s programs (Lambs/Doves/Pre-K or Kindergarten), in the event of a Covid closure, the teachers will prepare packets of take-home lessons for each child. These lessons will include, the letter & the number activity worksheets, art & crafts, various pages of coloring/ sight words/ shapes etc... videos, and so on – Please communicate with your child’s teacher on your apps.

This method of take-home lessons was very successful at the last Covid closure and will be what is implemented if we have to close our doors during this pandemic.

You are expected to pay your “Full” tuition payments for the timeframe we (may or may not) be shutdown equaling your entire tuition amount, per program.

If you are a prior family of Redeemer and have already enrolled before COVID-19 we thank you. If you know of a new family that would like to enroll please have them call to set up an “after hours” in person tour & explanation of the enrollment process @ 740-653-9727.

If this schedule is something that doesn’t work for you, please let us know of your enrollment intentions by calling @ 740-653-9727, we appreciate your understanding and support!

NECESSARY ITEMS

Before returning to school, you will need to purchase and prepare the following items for your child:

- *Lunches and snacks need to be brought to school in plastic or tin lunch boxes, you could do disposable if you desire (paper, silverware, plastic bag). No heating or refrigeration.

- *Each child will need a Ziploc baggie containing a complete change of clothing, labeled with their name on the outside of the bag. These will be left at school.

*We also appreciate any donations of Clorox disinfecting wipes.

WELLNESS PRACTICES @ REDEEMER

Our policies are as follows;

*Maintain social distancing for everyone. Most all of the classrooms are divided into 2 distinct areas, following ODJFS guidelines.

- Gloves are worn @ snack & lunch timeframes, by staff.

No masks required; we feel it is not age appropriate to have a child wear a mask. Unless circumstances change your child is not required to wear one. Staff will not wear a mask.

- Handwashing- and hand sanitizer used multiple times in a day; Wash your hands vigorously numerous times daily. Handwashing is crucial. Avoid touching your face, nose, and mouth. *Upon arrival and departure, before and after meals, before and after playground, before and after restroom breaks, when touching frequently used items or surfaces, immediately following coughing and sneezing.*

- *Please take Your child's temperature before arrival. We also do daily wellness checks, monitoring children throughout their timeframe here@ Redeemer Lutheran.*

ILLNESS- EXCLUSIONS POLICIES

If your child or any member of your household has any of the following symptoms, they CANNOT come to school. We understand the symptoms may be from another illness or condition; however, during this time, we are not willing to take any chances with the health of the WHOLE for one child. I am sure you would agree if your child were the one without any symptoms. Your child may return following 72 hours of being symptom-free if there are no indications of COVID-19 exposure. Please do not place anyone at risk if you know this is a possibility.

- * Fever, the guidelines are 100 or above, but we will not allow any elevated temperatures during our reopening transition.
- * Coughing /sneezing wheezing/runny nose/ hard to breathe.
- * Flu-like symptoms or body aches.
- * Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- * Rashes/especially on the toes and feet
- * Eye irritations/pink eye
- * Lethargic/or just not feeling like themselves
- * Loss of taste/smell

Please be alert to any indication that your child might not be feeling well. Loss of appetite, poor sleeping, or just laying around are some indicators. These sometimes can give us a “heads-up” when their words fail them.

Frequently used items and surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected as much as possible. All classrooms, floors, restrooms, hallways, doorknobs, surfaces, etc. will be professionally cleaned daily by Service Master.

We ask that all parents and staff let us know of any potential exposure immediately. A potential exposure means being in a household or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for at least 10 minutes. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic. If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in a child or adult who has been present in the childcare center, we will inform The Health Department and ODJFS and our parents. Children who are obviously ill with fever, diarrhea, vomiting, green-runny nose, puss/oozing eyes, disease or condition (i.e.- ringworm, head lice, chicken pox, measles, mumps, pink eye, fever over 100 degrees, etc.) will not be admitted to the program. It is a danger to other children and staff members at our facility. If you have any doubts about your child's health, please call us at 740-653-9727 to be sure they may attend. If your child appears to be sick or has any of the above while at school, we will notify the parent or guardian immediately, and it is necessary that the child be picked up within one hour of notification.

The child will be permitted to return when his/her temperature is normal for 24 hours without aid of fever-reducing medication. Your child must have any prescribed medication, such as antibiotics, in his/her system for at least 24 hours before returning. In the event your child is sent home with one of the above health concerns, they will not be permitted back to Redeemer Lutheran School without a doctor's note. The doctor's note must be written on their letterhead and read that the child can return to school because what they have is no longer contagious.

To administer medicine to a child- permission must be approved by the Physician and parent utilizing the Request for administrator of medication form. Medications for maintenance will be administered throughout the day as required. The medication must be given to the Director/Front Desk in its original bottle, which contains the pharmacist's directions. The medication log must be signed by the parent at this time and will be kept on file. Children will be given their medication according to the prescription specifications only.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL

Mrs. Lape	8:15 am Kindergarten front church left-side door (6 feet apart social distancing)
Mrs. Lape	8:15 am Pre-K- front church left-side door (6 feet apart social distancing)
Mrs. Plescher/Bushby	8:30 am Pre-K side door, follow sidewalk (6 feet apart social distancing)
Mrs. Wagner	9:00 am Lambs front church right-side door (6 feet apart social distancing)

DISMISSAL

Kind @ 2:15 pm side door
Pre-K @ 12:15 Front Church door
12:30 pm Pre-K side door sidewalk (6 feet apart social distancing)
11:30 pm lambs right-side front church door- follow sidewalk (6 feet apart social distancing)

Mrs. Wagner	8:30 am Doves front church right-side door (6 feet apart social distancing)	12:30 pm Doves right-side front church door- follow sidewalk (6 feet apart social distancing)
Mrs. Kelley/Elliott	9:00 am lambs straight to right-side classroom door (6 feet apart social distancing)	11:30 am Lambs straight to right-side classroom door (6 feet apart social distancing) (side entrance)
Mrs. Kelley	8:30 am Doves straight to right-side classroom door (6 feet apart social distancing)(side entrance)	12:30 am Doves straight to right-side classroom door (6 feet apart social distancing) (side entrance)

F-VISITORS/FIELD TRIPS/Celebrations/Food

Visitors and parents will not be invited in the building @ this time in order to reduce exposure to the children. And in order to be in compliant with social distancing and group gatherings. There will be no Field Trips until further notice. No outsiders will be invited into the children's classroom for any reason. There will not be any Holiday or birthday celebrations @ this time- (until further notice) or until COVID-19 goes far away. Snacks and lunches can be brought in individually for your child. We are a **Peanut-Free** Facility, due to allergies. An allergy list is posted for each classroom. If you are enrolled in childcare, snack is provided for you. We serve @ 10:00 and 3:00 snack to your children.

It is unlawful for the facility to discriminate in the enrollment of children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin or disability in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 104 Stat. 32, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

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MRS. KATE JURECKI

Please thoroughly review this COVID-19 Appendix handbook which contains the policies & procedures for COVID-19. After reading, please sign and return to the school.

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KATE JURECKI/ADMINISTRATOR

I _____ (print your name) the parent/guardian of
_____ (print child's name), hereby acknowledge receipt
of Redeemer Lutheran school Parent Handbook Appendix COVID-19, 2021/22 edition. I have
read and agree to adhere to all the policies and regulations set forth in this handbook.

Parent/ Guardian Signature;

Date _____ 2021/2022 School year
