

Health and Safety Protocols 2021-2022

In an on-going effort to maintain healthy childcare operations, Northminster Christian School has adopted the following Health and Safety Guidelines.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Preschool aged students and kindergartners will be dropped off and picked up at the gate. Toddlers will be dropped off at the Room 2 door and picked up at the Room 4 door (parking lot side). After Care students will be picked up at Room 5 door (parking lot side), unless students are on the playground.

Quiet Time

Students will be assigned a cot to use at quiet time. Children use their own sheets and blankets. Bedding will be provided at the beginning of the week, stored in a secure cubby, and sent home at the end of the week. A cot list will be posted in each classroom to ensure the use of the same cot each time.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Staff will use soapy water and bleach to clean frequently touched objects and surfaces throughout the day, including door handles, faucets, and light switches.

Pods

Children will be grouped into pods or cohorts (Toddler, Preschool, and Kindergarten). Staff will make every effort to maintain the cohorts and provide consistency in the cohorts/pods (same staff, same kids) to limit exposure to illness.

Hand Hygiene

Effective handwashing will be taught in each classroom and students will be asked to wash hands frequently throughout the day.

Illness

Sick children will be isolated and parents will be contacted immediately to pick up any ill child. Illness includes, but is not limited to, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, swelling/redness (signs of an allergic reaction), and persistent cough. Children must be symptom free for 24 hours to return to school. In the case of a suspected COVID case, a child may not return to school for 10 days from onset of symptoms. Fully vaccinated staff members will also follow this policy to minimize transmission of illness. Non-vaccinated staff will have to provide a Negative COVID test to return to work.

Masks

Each classroom has been equipped with “air scrubbers” that clean and purify the air while children and staff are indoors. However, all staff will continue to wear masks while indoors in a on-going effort to protect the children and themselves. Further, we ask our kindergartners to wear masks while in the classroom.