



**2022/2023
Parent Handbook**

Illness Policies

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The following policies form part of the Parent Handbook and are mandatory policies for all families and students attending St. Albert Creative Preschool. These policies are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

We ask for your patience and understanding as our volunteer board does its best to navigate Covid-19 policies. **Please be mindful that our teachers are responsible for teaching all three classes. Should they become sick or be required to isolate for any reason, this has implications for the school as a whole.**

Drop off/Pick up

Parents will drop off and pick up children outside the main church doors. Please do not come inside the building unless you are volunteering that day or have otherwise arranged to come in with the teachers. The teachers would be happy to assist your child with their shoes at the door if it is required.

Masks

Students are not required to wear a mask. Should you wish for your child to mask, please ensure they are able to remove their own mask at snack and put it back on afterwards. Teachers are not able to assist with mask wearing. Our teachers currently do not mask in class. Parent volunteers are also not required to mask.

Illness Generally

Children who are ill, including displaying minor symptoms of the common cold (ex. runny nose and/or cough, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea), are required to stay home until their symptoms have passed. If your child requires medication in order to alleviate any symptoms, we kindly ask that you keep them home. The preschool is not equipped to care for sick children. If a teacher determines that your child is showing symptoms of an illness, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately and asked to pick up their child.

Hand Foot & Mouth Disease (HFMD)

There is currently an outbreak of HFMD in the community. HFMD is highly contagious, especially amongst preschoolers. If your child has HFMD, we kindly ask that you keep them home for 7 days from the onset of symptoms or until the symptoms, including all sores, have resolved, whichever is longer. If another child in the household has HFMD, we strongly recommend keeping your child home until the household is healthy again.

Covid-19

The government of Alberta lifted isolation and quarantine requirements on July 1, 2022. As per the current AHS recommendations, we strongly recommend that any student who tests positive for Covid-19 or who is experiencing core symptoms (cough, or fever of 38.5 Celsius or higher, or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or loss of sense of taste or smell) stay home for 10 days from the first day of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, even with a negative test result. No student will be permitted to attend school while symptomatic.

Covid-19 Close Contact

Should any person in your household test positive for Covid-19, or should the student be exposed to a positive case, we strongly recommend the student remain at home for a period of 5 days to ensure they have not contacted Covid-19.

Missing Special Helper Day due to Illness

If your child is ill and unable to attend on their special helper day, please let Ms. Cindy know as soon as possible. All efforts will be made to facilitate another special helper day.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are permitted in the classroom on their child's special helper day, provided they complete the self-screening checklist on the day they volunteer. Should you be unwell on the day you were scheduled to volunteer, please reach out to Ms. Cindy to reschedule and a new day volunteer will be provided (a new special helper day may not always be possible). Masks and proof of vaccination are not required for parent volunteers.

In order to get the most out of your volunteering experience we encourage you to attend without other children/siblings. However, should you not have childcare available, parent volunteers are permitted to bring siblings with them to class, provided that they too are in good health and complete the self-screening checklist attached.

Cleaning

Teachers will clean all surface areas with a bleach solution as recommended by AHS. The room will be fogged at the end of each day. The fogging machine uses an all-natural, organic, non-toxic and non-irritant cleaning solution to safely sanitize and disinfect. It kills 99.9999% of all viruses and bacteria in a single application and is Health Canada certified.

Refunds

There will be no refund issued in the event your child is required to isolate, is symptomatic, or otherwise unwell and unable to attend school, either as a result of AHS restrictions or our preschool's illness policies. All other situations will be reviewed by the board on a case-by-case basis.

There will be no refund issued in the event the school is required to close as a result of a health-related outbreak.

Daily Health Checklist

The daily health checklist is no longer required. Instead, all families are asked to complete the attached self-screening checklist prior to sending your child to school. Please note that there is a separate self-screening checklist for parent volunteers.

Student Self-Screening Checklist

Please also use this health screen for any sibling that may be attending with you when you volunteer.

1. Is your child currently experiencing any of the following core symptoms:
 - a. Cough;
 - b. Fever of 38.5 Celsius or higher;
 - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; or
 - d. Loss of sense of taste or smell?
2. Does your child currently have any of the following symptoms:
 - a. Runny nose/congestion;
 - b. Sore throat;
 - c. Nausea;
 - d. Vomiting; or
 - e. Diarrhea?
3. Does your child currently have hand foot and mouth disease?

If you answered YES to any of the questions please keep your child home and contact Ms. Cindy on Remind.

4. Has your child tested positive for Covid-19?
5. Has your child been a Covid-19 close contact 5 days (i.e. is someone in the home positive, or has the child been otherwise exposed to a positive case)?

If you answered YES to any of the questions we strongly recommend keeping your child home for 10 days (for a positive Covid-19 student) or 5 days (for a child who has been exposed to a Covid-19 positive case).

Parent Volunteer Self- Screening Checklist

1. Have you tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 10 days?
2. Have you been a Covid-19 close contact in the past 5 days (i.e. is someone in the home positive, or have you been otherwise exposed to a positive case)?
3. Are you currently experiencing any of the following core symptoms:
 - a. Cough;
 - b. Fever of 38.5 Celsius or higher;
 - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
 - d. Loss of sense of taste or smell;
 - e. Runny nose; or
 - f. Sore throat?
4. Do you or a member of your household currently have hand foot and mouth disease?

If you answered NO to the above listed questions you may volunteer in school. If you answered YES to any of the questions please contact Ms. Cindy on Remind to reschedule your volunteer day.