



SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool Responsive Return Plan 2021-2022

The Responsive Return Plan outlines our plans and protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to adjust and revise this plan based upon guidance from state, local, and diocesan authorities. The ability to adapt and modify our plan quickly and effectively as needed is critical. We are committed to doing all that we can to protect our students, and we pledge to provide you with timely communication regarding any new developments. With the protocols we had in place last year, we were able to remain learning in person for the vast majority of the year with no positive COVID cases in our preschool.

VIGILANT SCREENING

SELF-SCREENING AT HOME



A self-screening tool will be shared with families to screen for symptoms at home each morning. It is critical that students not be sent to school if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms listed. Please do not give your child fever-reducing medication and send them to school. Unlike last year, we will NOT be checking temperatures upon entry at school.



ISOLATION ROOM

An isolation room has been designated near the school nurse's office for students and staff who are exhibiting symptoms and are waiting to be picked up from school.



SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse will be present at the beginning of the school day and at drop off. School administrators and the school nurse will oversee health and safety standards and communication with the local health department regarding updated COVID protocols, testing, and reporting.

HANDWASHING AND SANITIZATION



All children and staff members shall wash their hands when they enter school and prior to leaving for the day. Every classroom will have hand sanitizer pumps near the entrance. Sanitizing stations will also be added to high traffic areas, including the entrance to the school. Most importantly, teachers will build into their schedules opportunities for handwashing, sanitizing, and cleaning of desks and materials.

CLEAN SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT



High touch surfaces (i.e. doorknobs, counters, toys etc.) will be cleaned regularly. All classes will be cleaned and sanitized before students arrive. Our custodial staff will thoroughly clean our school at the end of each school day, and germ foggers will be used more often in classrooms.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING EFFORTS AND COHORT GROUPING

By offering in person instruction to all of our students, we acknowledge that we may not be able to achieve three feet of physical distance consistently. Adjusted classroom practices and routines, however, will decrease the contact and increase the distance typically experienced by students. Excess furniture in classrooms has been removed in order to maximize the space used in each classroom.



- Teachers will be encouraged to take their students outside for class weather permitting. Other areas on campus, such as O'Brien Hall and the Eymard Room, can be utilized when available to allow for physical distancing.
- Signs/floor markings will be used as visual cues to remind students to maintain physical distance.
- Hallway movement will be limited. Hallways will be labeled as one way in certain areas and marked in the middle to aid in traffic flow.

FACE MASKS

STUDENTS

Just like last year, preschool students are **strongly recommended and encouraged** to wear masks, but are not required to do so. **Each preschool student will be required to have a mask in their book bag to be used for hallway transitions and group work as needed.** Face masks should cover the nose, mouth, and chin.



FACULTY AND STAFF

All staff members will be required to wear face coverings (face masks or face shields) throughout the school day until further notice.

VISITORS

All visitors to the school building are required to wear a face mask.

ADDITIONAL ADAPTATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS



We recognize that the social and emotional health of our students is also important. All staff will continue to create a sense of family within the school and their classrooms. While things may look different, our goal is to create an environment that is **safe and secure** while also **warm and welcoming**. We feel strongly that class "meetings" and informal conversations can be used to assess students' comfort and connectedness.

ABSENCES



Parents are required to report all absent or late students by no later than 8:30 a.m. They should contact their teacher directly. Parents should provide details as to their child's symptoms. If the child or immediate family member has tested positive for COVID-19, please share this information with the school. Families will follow the CDC guidelines and the Ohio Department of Health for a safe return to school.



PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF OF STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents/guardians may walk their child to the door, ring the bell, and announce the child who will then proceed to the office. Please do not enter the building. If picking up a student, the procedure can be followed. The office staff

will sign the child in/out. If picking up a child early, please remember to send in a note so that the child is waiting in the office.



WATER FOUNTAINS

Water bottle refilling stations were installed last year. Water fountains will only be used as refilling stations for individual water bottles. Students are permitted to bring their own water bottles to school.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

WELCOME

Visitors will be allowed on a limited basis and access may be limited based on the school's assessment of health and safety routines. A Visitor Self-Screening Form needs to be completed prior to entry. We kindly ask that all visitors remain outside our main doors and communicate with our office staff through the security system when possible. A plexiglass shield remains in the front office in order to safely serve our visitors. We ask that parents not deliver forgotten items to school in order to limit the number of people entering the school.



FIELD TRIPS

We hope to have field trips return this year.



PRESCHOOL EVENTS

We are committed to maintaining our strong faith and school community. We hope to resume traditional preschool events this year with safety protocols in place.



COMMUNICATION

Emails, text messages, phone calls, Bloomz, the school website, and the weekly family newsletter will be used to communicate information to families. In order to limit/eliminate the number of papers being sent home, communication folders from the school office will be used on a limited basis. All groups are asked to submit items digitally to the school office, and they will be linked in our family newsletter.

QUARANTINE AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL

SPB will follow the guidance of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Please note the following:



- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their primary care provider and depending on their access to care, they will be given testing instructions.
- Families and staff members must notify the school if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or if a member of the immediate household is presumed to have COVID-19.
- The CCBH and/or the school will conduct the contact tracing for those at school.
- All students and staff will follow the [CCBH guidelines](#) and/or the [ODH guidelines](#) for school attendance and readmittance to school after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure to COVID-19. This flow chart from ODH, [Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings](#), is an excellent guide.

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