

Holly House Preschool

Covid-19 Policy

UPDATE July 2021: All adults entering the building will be required to be vaccinated and wear masks. Students and teachers will also be required to wear masks with the exception of snack time and recess. Everyone has been just amazing with following these safety protocols. Thank you for your continued support.

Chatham County Public Health Department has been wonderful with regard to disseminating information during this public health crisis. If you or any family members would like a free Covid-19 vaccine, please let me know and I can arrange for representatives to come to the school. We do need at least two people in order for them to come. Thank you.

When I started planning Holly House Preschool, I never planned for a worldwide pandemic! I now attend a weekly Zoom meeting with Chatham County health officials and other preschool/childcare owners and directors. We are given the latest information concerning Chatham County Covid-19 protocols for children age 5 and under.

Because of the virus, we will all need to wear masks while at school. This includes: adults, teachers, and children. We will take short mask breaks while outside where we can properly social distance. Please have your child practice wearing a mask at home if they do not wear a mask now. Find the mask that they are most comfortable with and that properly fits over their noses without falling down. They should be able to put it on by themselves.

No adults will be allowed past the front door as per policy. You will need to enter and stand on the rug by the door only. I will take your child's temperature at the door with an infrared (no touch) thermometer and record it as required. I must also ask you the health questions that are posted on the front door about symptoms and exposure.

I respectfully ask that you be honest and open when answering whether you have symptoms, have tested positive, or have been in contact with a person who has tested positive. If we are exposed, we will ALL have to follow Chatham County protocol for quarantining. This means shutting down the school for the current prescribed period of time. There will be no tuition refunds issued if we must close for quarantine. Let's keep each other healthy and safe.

Holly House Preschool already cleans and disinfects a great deal in preschool every day, but now will be doing it on a continual basis. Everything will be sanitized throughout the day and after the children leave including the playground equipment. Hand washing will be emphasized even more as well as stopping the spread of germs. The shared sensory bin will not be open, but the children will have their own mini bins to use while in school. Students will have their

own plastic container for pencils, personal play-dough, white boards, etc. when we start to use them. Dress ups are not allowed at this time. They will also use their own cubby for personal items. Please leave all toys at home.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this time. Holly House Preschool wants everyone to stay healthy and safe in order to continue to grow and learn in our cozy environment.

Sincerely,

Holly Norton
Owner and Lead Teacher at Holly House Preschool, LLC