

August 10, 2021

Parents,

We at Bright Beginnings Preschool are very excited to begin our 2021-22 school year. Our school year begins on August 24, 2021. Our board and administration understand that this school year continues to bring challenges for our staff, parents and students. Bright Beginnings mission will remain consistent although circumstances continue to change. We at Bright Beginnings “strive to provide a quality education from a Biblical perspective that leads families and children to a relationship with Jesus Christ.” And as always, Bright Beginnings Preschool is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and families.

The Bright Beginnings Board and Administration, after reviewing information from the CDC, Georgia Department of Health and OSHA have discussed and formulated a plan to begin the new school year at Bright Beginnings Preschool. We recognize that through implementation of these strategies we can reduce, not eliminate, the risk of COVID-19 in our school community. The board and administration will continue to assess and review guidelines and modify the plan as needed.

We are excited to welcome students back to Bright Beginnings Preschool for in person instruction. Please note the following information for back to school at Bright Beginnings.

- The CDC recommends anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, has come in contact with someone who has had a positive test, or received a positive test result should isolate at home for 10 days from the date of exposure.
- The symptoms of COVID-19 are cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish face or lips, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

### **School Exposure**

**Bright Beginnings will notify parents if their child has been exposed to a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 at school.**

- If a child/staff member becomes sick at school, they will be sent to the office for evaluation.
- **Symptomatic** persons with a positive test result or symptoms may return to school after:
  - At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared AND
  - At least 3 days have passed with no symptoms without fever reducing medication.
- **Asymptomatic** persons with a confirmed positive test result may return to school after:
  - At least 10 days have passed since the positive test result and person remains symptom free. If at any point symptoms develop, that person should then follow symptomatic protocol.

## **Procedures for the School Year**

**Bright Beginnings will use a CDC approved cleaner to clean and disinfect the classrooms, bathrooms and all other touch points located in our school building. This includes tables, chairs, door handles, bathroom fixtures, playground equipment, etc. Our school staff will clean these areas frequently during the school day. The church cleaning staff also cleans our classrooms, hallways and bathrooms routinely during the week.**

### **In the Classroom**

- Our classroom teachers will incorporate more frequent hand washing and sanitizing into their daily classroom routine. We will encourage students to have healthy hygiene habits throughout our school day.
- Each student will have his or her own school supplies to use throughout the day.
- All shared toys and resources will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures**

Our drop off procedures will be similar to those during our 2020-21 school year. If you are walking your child into the school we ask that you arrive between 9:10-9:20. Parents will walk their child in through the preschool doors. Bright Beginnings Preschool will only use the doors located by the gym. *We will not use the main doors to the education building.*

If you arrive after 9:20, we ask that you consider carpool, or wait until carpool is finished to walk your child in the building.

- Carpool will begin at 9:20 and will end at 9:35. A Bright Beginnings staff member will help your child out of the car and to their classroom. Please have your child ready to exit the car in order to expediate the carpool process. A carpool map will be located in your Open House packet.
- Afternoon Pick Up- All parents are required to walk in to pick up their child from the classroom. The doors will open at 12:20; Teachers will release students as parents arrive.

## Snacks/Lunch

- Bright Beginnings is asking that all students (except the Wee Learn class) bring an individual snack and water for school this year. Please refer to snack suggestions and rules when you receive your open house packet.
- Lunch Bunch will have the option to order from Chick-fil-a and Papa Johns. You will receive more information about ordering during open house.

## School Day

- Bright Beginnings students remain in the same classroom during the school day, with the exception of their Media and Music time. These classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned between groups of students. Our students will still have playground or gym time once per day. We will have minimal interaction between classes during this time of the day.
- Staff and Students **will not** be required to wear masks during the school day. We understand that you may want your child to wear a mask, but please note that if you send your child to school with a mask, we cannot guarantee that they will keep it on all day.
- Chapel – We will allow parents to attend chapel this school year.

\*Please note that these policies and procedures are in addition to the policies and procedures noted in our school handbook.

Bright Beginnings understands that beginning preschool can be difficult for students and their parents. We are thankful to FBC Loganville for their support of our school, our staff and parents as we prepare for the school year. Please be aware that should these procedures or policies change in any way, our parents will be advised of these changes in writing.

In Christ's Love,  
Bright Beginnings Preschool Board