

Bonnie Doon Playschool

Plan for Promoting a Healthy Classroom Environment

This plan outlines how Bonnie Doon Playschool (BDPS) will operate to ensure the health and safety of all students, staff and volunteers.

This document and class policy will be updated in accordance with updates and recommendations from Alberta Health Services (AHS), the City of Edmonton, and Edmonton Public Schools (EPS). We are all in this together to keep our children safe, and it is the expectation of the playschool that all playschool staff and parents/caregivers abide by all the requirements to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the President at President@bonniedoonyplayschool.ca

Pre-attendance Screening

- Parents, children, and teachers must not enter the preschool space if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

- For reference, normal children's temperatures are:

- Mouth: 35.5-37.5°C (95.9-99.5°F)
- Underarm: 36.5-37.5°C (97.7-99.5°F)
- Ear: 35.8-38.0°C (96.4-100.4°F)

- Before leaving home, staff and children should self-screen or be screened by a parent or guardian for symptoms each day that they enter the playschool using the applicable checklist for their age group (Child Alberta Health Daily Checklist).

Masks

- Masks are not required to be worn by staff, volunteers and students
- Staff, volunteers and students may wear a mask at their discretion and we encourage acceptance of everyone's right to choose

Room materials

- Each day, the classroom space is cleaned. Toys that have been in contact with saliva are immediately removed and sanitized at the end of the day. Frequently used toys are sanitized weekly using an industrial dishwasher. All high-traffic surfaces are cleaned in between classes.
- Play dough and sensory tables (e.g., water tables and sand tables) will be used at the teacher's discretion to do so safely. Individual sensory bins are permitted e.g., play dough in a container labelled with a child's name.
- Singing and wind instruments will be used at the teachers' discretion to do so safely. Wind instruments will not be shared between students. Other instruments e.g., drums, triangles, rainsticks, maracas are permitted and sanitized as needed.

- We ask that students do not bring items from home (excluding clothing, food and drink) into the classroom.

Activities

- Children will be encouraged to practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (wash hands frequently, sneeze/cough into inner elbow, put used tissues into a waste receptacle and wash hands immediately after).

Drop-off and Pick-up

- **The boot room area is not big enough for all families to be inside and maintain physical distance at drop-off and pick up. Therefore:**
 - We have two designated drop off and pick up times (families will be assigned and notified of their time) to reduce the number of people in the boot room at one time.
 - Families are asked to arrive just prior to the inner doors being opened or later, so as not to be bunched up in a large group before start time.

Sick policy

- We require that children with symptoms of a cold or flu (even if not COVID-19) are kept home from school until symptoms are gone.
 - Proof of a negative COVID-19 test result is not necessary to return to school, but symptoms must be gone.
- BDPS will keep a record of all children's known pre-existing conditions. If a child develops symptoms that could be caused by either COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition e.g allergies, it is recommended the child be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that this is not the source of their symptoms.
- If a child develops symptoms of illness during class, they will be isolated or separated with a teacher and the parent/guardian will be notified to come pick up the child immediately.
- If the child requires close contact and care, a teacher will care for the child until the parent is able to pick up the child.
- Staff will wash hands before and after touching any items used by the child.
- All items used by the child while isolated will be cleaned and disinfected as soon as the child is picked up. Items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected, e.g., books, will be removed from the centre and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of ten days.
- **COVID-19 isolation will follow current AHS guidelines**

Special Events

- Field trips, group transportation, holiday events, performances and celebrations will continue, where possible, in accordance with AHS, City of Edmonton, and Edmonton Public School guidelines.

- o If a child develops symptoms during a field trip, the child will be isolated from others as much as possible. Parents will be notified and asked to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- In class field trips will continue. Special crafts/activities, decorations and food will be possible for special events as long as relevant guidelines are followed.