

Health & Safety Policy Changes at Hanover Nursery School

Dear Parents and Families,

Given that the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis continues in our country, I want to assure you that we are monitoring the situation closely. Based on information we have at this time, and with the successful year we enjoyed in 2020-2021, we are pleased to be opening **Hanover Nursery School** this fall and resume our regular school schedule.

We will continue to take extra precautions to ward off Coronavirus. We are taking these extra steps to support the health and safety of your children, your family and our staff.

Please take note of the following changes to our policies and procedures:

Check-In and Pick-Up

- Families will be greeted at the **door** where a staff member will greet the child. Parents and other family members will be required to wear masks, and will not be allowed inside the child care program. Children and staff will be required to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building and many, many times throughout the day. When children are received for drop-off, they will be escorted into the bathroom where their hands will be washed prior to being brought to their classroom/child care area.
- Upon your arrival to pick up your child, a staff member will bring your child out to you. Doing so will limit direct contact and help us to maintain social distancing.

Healthy Environment

- Staff will disinfect high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, faucets, and toilets at least once daily.
- We will perform an enhanced deep cleaning every night in all areas, on all touched surfaces.
- Staff will have access to anti-bacterial hand sanitizers and disposable gloves and use them as needed.
- Staff will wash/scrub their hands and children's hands many, many times per day (noted by the CDC as the most effective preventive measure).
- No program tours will be given during operating hours until further notice to reduce the number of visitors in the building.

Meals

- All surfaces will be disinfected before snack and lunch using CDC- or EPA-approved products.
- All staff and children will wash hands before and after snack and lunch.

Child Health

- Staff will receive education on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventive measures.
- Children who start to experience symptoms of respiratory illness, including a fever of >100 while at child care, will be isolated from other children until they can be picked up. We ask that you please keep your child home until they are symptom free.
- Until further notice, all program field trips will be suspended.

Staff Health & Wellness

- Staff will receive additional training on infection control and workplace disinfection.
- Staff will wash their hands immediately upon entering the program and immediately prior to leaving.
- Staff will not be allowed to work if they are feeling ill or experiencing respiratory symptoms.

Communication

- If the current situation changes and it becomes necessary to update our procedures or close our program temporarily, we will notify families immediately.

Our Regular Policies

Health

Children should be kept at home when not in good health. Please keep your child at home if he or she has symptoms of untreated illness. Examples of this would be diarrhea, fever or vomiting. A child's temperature should be normal for 24 hours prior to returning to school. We go outside daily, so if your child is too sick to participate, they should not come to school. The staff reserves the right to send a child home due to symptoms of illness.

Accidents and Illness

The staff provides simple first aid for minor injuries. In the event of a serious injury or illness, every effort will be made to notify the parents immediately. If needed, the child will be transported to DHMC.

Drills and Emergency Procedures

Mandatory fire drills and other evacuation drills will be conducted monthly in accordance with the State of NH. The HNS Board recently reviewed and updated our In Case of an Actual Emergency Procedures, which is posted in the entry.

Parking

Please Do Not park cars on the opposite side of the street from the school. Please Do Not turn around in our neighbor's driveway. Please Do use the driveway, and pull all the way up to make room for other vehicles. Be sure to depart in a timely manner to ensure safety and parking availability.

Clothing

Children should wear comfortable, seasonally appropriate clothes that can get dirty. Clothes should not be an inhibiting factor in their movement or activities. On the first day of school, please bring the following to be left in your child's cubby: A complete change of clothing including socks and underwear, and a pair of slippers or indoor only shoes.

Discipline

If a problem arises with a child (or children), our teachers address it with a positive and supportive attitude. Under no circumstances will a teacher strike a child. Should a problem arise that cannot be resolved between the child, teacher, and parent(s), it will be brought to the attention of the Director and, if need be, to the entire Board of Directors. Most situations however, can be resolved quickly and easily.

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled twice a year (Fall and Spring) in each class. Parents are always encouraged to schedule additional meetings as desired.

Allergies

***We are a Nut Free facility. This includes peanuts, almonds, cashews and any other nut or nut products. Please check the labels of bars and cookies.**

We will keep a list of all known allergies

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler or epipen, please have one ready to leave at school, along with the action plan given by the doctor. These items will be kept in a secure location for the year.

SNOW DAYS

If there is ANY sign of Snow, Sleet, Freezing Rain or any other inclement weather, Or if a major Storm is forecasted, please check for an e-mail from Lisa.

SCHOOL CLOSING

If Hanover/Dresden is Closed, then Hanover Nursery School is CLOSED

DELAYED OPENINGS

If Hanover school have:

A One Hour Delay- HNS starts at 9am

A Two Hour Delay-HNS starts at 10am

Miscellaneous

Due to state regulations, children may not wear necklaces, scarves or anything that may be deemed hazardous.

Children may not keep sunscreen, hand sanitizer or Any medications in their backpacks or cubbies.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to implement the extra safety procedures. Our goal is to minimize disruption while at the same time keeping you, your family and our staff healthy and well.

Sincerely,

Lisa and the Board of Directors

