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raise successful
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COVID PREVENTION PROCEDURES

As we return to school for face-to-face instruction, please be aware of the measures which have been implemented to keep our school community safe.

Adults are asked to be transparent and honest about the health of their child – please let the staff know if there are any health concerns which we should be made aware of when entering the building or dropping your child off at school.

Parents will be notified immediately if any member of our school's community is diagnosed with COVID-19. Safety and cleaning protocols will be carried out as per the direction of Day-spring's Health and Safety committee directed by the Ministry of Health.

Arrival:

1. Students should be taken out of the cars by their parents and brought to the staff members at the front of the school. Shoes and hands will be sanitized before they enter the building.
2. Parents will not enter the office area - if lunch tickets or other purchases must be made, parents are asked to put exact change in an envelope (provided by the school) and write the name of the child along with the items purchased.
3. When they enter the office, students and their belongings will be sanitized using a non-allergenic cool mist sanitizing spray.

In the classroom:

1. The classrooms will be sanitized at the beginning and end of each day. Frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day.
2. We will limit the number of children in the classroom to 10 students at a time.
3. Children will remain in the same classroom throughout the day. They will not combine classes or join other groups or go to other rooms for classes such as computer time, listening center, dramatic play etc. Those activities will have to occur in their classrooms with their classroom teacher.

3. Teachers will wear clear face shields in the classroom so that children can see their faces when they are teaching.
4. Social distancing will be practiced in the classroom as much as practical in pre-school.
5. Classroom toys and other manipulatives will be significantly reduced so as to limit shared items. Parents will be required to supply a clear “shoe-box sized” container, clearly labeled with their child’s name. The container will hold each child’s manipulatives and classroom supplies.
6. Student cubbies have been removed from the classrooms to facilitate social distancing and to have more spacious classrooms.

On the playground:

1. Only one class will be allowed on the playground at any given time.
2. Playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
3. Additional hand-washing stations have been set up under the lunch cabana. This will allow adults and students to have multiple hand-washing stations and can wash their hands before re-entering the building.

Lunch & Snack Time:

1. Students will eat snacks and lunch socially distant on the lunch benches outside.
2. Parents are reminded that our goal is to keep students healthy by offering healthy snack options. During the morning snack time, students will only be allowed to eat a fresh fruit or vegetable. Examples of appropriate snack options; carrot sticks, celery sticks, grapes, apples cut with lime squeezed on top to prevent browning, raisins, canned peaches, cut oranges, peeled & segmented tangerines.
3. Lunch is being offered by the school. Menus and tickets are available in the office.

Sick Policy:

1. The sick policy will be strictly enforced. Children who have any indication of a fever, cough or any other type of sickness will not be allowed at school. Students who want to re-enter school after being sick **MUST** come with a doctor’s note saying that it is okay for them to return to school.
2. Students who show visible signs of being sick while at school will be separated from the other students. A parent or guardian will be required to pick up the child immediately.
3. Please request a copy of the sick policy for your information

Supplies:

1. In order to conserve space, students will only be able to bring one bag into the classroom. This bag **MUST** be able to fit inside the student's cubby. The school bag must be made of hard plastic or another material which can be wiped with sanitizing liquid – no cloth lunch bags or rolling back packs. Please request a copy of pictures of appropriate lunch bags.
2. Each student is required to bring a change of clothing in a clearly labeled large Ziploc bag. This will remain in the student's cubby until required. The clothing must be replaced once used. All clothing must be clearly labeled with the child's name.
3. Students will be required to bring the classroom supplies listed in the parents' handbook.

Miscellaneous:

1. We recommend limiting the approved persons for pick up and drop off for safety reasons.
2. Parents or guardians who are showing any signs of sickness or who are high risk are asked not to come into the school. Parents or guardians who call the office in advance can have their child brought out to their car.
3. Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer will be required of all students and staff.
4. When in the school, students must wear a clear face shield (not a cloth mask). They must be purchased from Dayspring (\$10 per shield). Your child's teacher will tell you when your child's face shield needs to be replaced.
5. ALL adults who enter the building must wear a face mask, covering both mouth and nose.
6. No school wide assembly, special school wide group celebrations, special school productions or in-person PTA meetings will be held until further notice.

Please call the office 393-1879 or text the school cell 816-5729 or email: dayspringbahamas@gmail.com if you need clarification