

Raggedy Ann Families,

We are happy to present our preparations to re-open school on September 8, 2020. Please read through our new health and safety procedures and know that this situation is fluid and procedures could change or be added.

Reopening in September will come with inherent risks that we all need to consider. We will require families to sign a waiver that states you cannot hold the church responsible if your child contracts COVID. Please understand this is a risk we must acknowledge and consider if your family can take this risk. We will also ask you to be honest with RAPS. If your child is sick with a fever, runny nose, coughing, diarrhea etc. or if your family has been exposed to COVID-19, it is crucial that they not attend school. However, since our school is not open to the public, has small class sizes and staff, I feel we can work together and to keep the risk of spreading germs to a minimum. Cleaning, hand washing, sanitizing and disinfecting are already a part of what we do every day. It's built into our regular school day and the additional measures we are implementing will only improve our existing protocols. Our families need us and we need our families. Let's work together to provide a healthy, clean environment where our kids will feel safe, and cared for.

WHAT FAMILIES CAN EXPECT UPON RETURNING TO SCHOOL

DROP-OFF

- Students will NOT be required to wear a mask. If you want your child to wear one, they are welcome to, but we can't guarantee they will keep it on.
 - Teachers will wear a clear shield when instructing and may choose to wear a mask when in closer spaces.
 - Each class will be dropped off and picked up at different doors. (Instructions to follow from your child's teacher) Parents will walk the child to the door but not in the building, so the teacher can stay with their class. If parents need to enter the building they will need to wait until the class has left for their classroom. PLEASE consider paying tuition online to eliminate the need to come into the church.
 - At the door, the teacher will ask you to verbally attest that no one in the household has experienced a fever, had COVID symptoms, tested positive for COVID or been hospitalized for respiratory issues within the last 72 hrs. A temperature check will be done on each child. If their temperature is greater than 100.4 (per CDC guidelines) they will not be allowed to enter the building and will be excluded from school until:
 - Fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication
 - any other symptoms (coughing, diarrhea, etc) have improved
 - and at least 5 days have passed since the symptoms first started
 - If someone in the household has or is having symptoms, PLEASE do not bring your child to school. They can return when the sick person is:
 - Fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication
 - and any other symptoms have improved
 - and at least 5 days have passed since the symptoms first started
- Teachers will undergo the same daily check-in as described above for children. Teacher exclusion and return to work criteria will be the same as student criteria.

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Children will get a squirt of hand sanitizer any time they enter and exit the classroom.
- Children will wash hands with soap and water before snack time and after using the restroom.
- Teachers will wash hands immediately upon entering the classroom and before serving snacks.
- Teachers will sanitize tables and chairs before and after snack time.
- Students will not co-mingle with other classes (except for extended day or before school child care). Each class (of no more than 12 children) will only use their classroom; will have separate gym (toys) and playground time. Playground will be sprayed with disinfectant after each use.
- Each child will bring their own school supplies which will consist of a pencil box with crayons, bottle of glue and a glue stick. (School will supply pencils). They will use their supplies exclusively.
- Any other items, such as scissors or paint brushes will be used and then place in a dirty bin to be sanitized before reuse.
- Toys used will be limited to hard, nonporous materials that can be sanitized at the end of each day.

END OF DAY

- Classes will be dismissed at the same door as drop off.
- Parents will pull up to the door, get out of the car and put the child in the car and buckle before driving away.
- After students leave all chairs, tables, surfaces and touch points will be disinfected.
- Toys will be disinfected.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- At this time we are not planning any field trips or in person Grandparents Day, would consider a virtual one
- Only one adult may accompany the child to orientation and everyone should wear a mask. Please come promptly to the Great Hall/Gym at your scheduled time and remember to socially distance while waiting.
- We will decide the week prior if adults can help with class parties.

WHAT IF a student or teacher is diagnosed with COVID-19?

- All parents will be notified by e-mail
- The Health Dept will be notified and will determine how long our school would need to be closed; likely 48 hours
- The entire school would be cleaned and sanitized using an anti-viral cleaning solution.
- The diagnosed individual and their sibling (if any) would be excluded from school for 14 days and would rejoin our school after this time frame and with a negative test result.

We are excited to get back to school and remain optimistic that we can have a fun and safe 20-21 school year.

Please contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you have.