



We are very excited to be getting ready for the start of the 2021-2022 school year!! Thank you for choosing to be a part of our Strawberry Preschool Family. Please read the following information carefully.

New Student File Forms: Due August 15, 2021

New students need to turn in file forms before they start school (check in with director if the immunization form is delayed). Students who attended school last year, or in the summer, should already have all their paperwork on file and do not need to turn in new forms. If you have new pick up or health information for your child please email us updated information.

To turn in File Forms:

1. Log into Curacubby
2. Select "Forms and Files" on the left sidebar
3. Select "Forms for [Child Name]." If you have multiple children, please submit one for each.
4. Download the files forms
5. Fill out the forms and sign them online and click "Submit on each."

Back to school Night: August 25, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

This Zoom Meeting is for parents only. It will be an opportunity to talk about curriculum, teaching goals, school communication, Covid-19 restrictions, and other general information.

You will receive an email with the zoom link as we get closer.

***First week of school starts August 23, 2021**

School Items Needed:

Only essential items will be allowed with your children into school (no toys).

Children need to bring: (All items need to be labeled)

-1 face mask on, and 2 extra with your child's name (masks with ear straps work best)

- Extra clothes in a Ziploc bag to stay at school
- A lunch box with easy to open containers (no microwave available for heating)
- A water bottle with water
- A sweatshirt and comfortable shoes (No flip flops or Crocs)
- Clothes should be comfortable to play in, easy to take on and off in the bathroom independently, and expect they will get dirty or worn out at school.

Morning Care:

Morning Care reservations are not required. You can drop off your child in the preschool an hour early, starting at 8:00 am. Anyone entering the classroom before 9:00 am is automatically added to Morning Care. Please use the drive up. Parents are currently not allowed to enter the school.

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (\$12.00) One-hour block only

Aftercare:

Afternoon reservations are required by midnight the night before. Permanent reservation can also be made. Please use the following email address to inform us if your child is staying for aftercare. childcare@strawberrypreschool.org Aftercare is held in the Preschool class and playground area. Please send a bag with a fitted crib sheet and small blanket. Teachers will take all kids scheduled to attend aftercare to the Preschool Class. Parents will use the preschool drive up for all children who stay for aftercare including prek.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (\$12.00) One-hour block

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (\$24.00) Two-hour blocks

Billing Questions:

For billing questions, please contact Rose Lofrano, our Chief Operating Officer. Her contact information is 415- 246-4941 and rosetsp1@yahoo.com.

Pick-up and drop off Information:

Please make sure everyone who is picking up your child has been added and knows how to use our digital sign-in system. I'm attaching instructions on how to use the Digital Attendance.

Preschool Drop-Off starting at 9:00 - 9:15 and pick up at 1:00-1:15-

Please note that for the first week only, returning students drop off time is 9:00-9:10 and new students drop off time is 9:10-9:20.

1. The drive-up will be in the exact same location (the front of the main building). Please make sure to stay in the car and both children and parents must be wearing masks. We ask that you please be patient with this process, as we are navigating additional requirements that will take extra time.
2. A teacher will greet you and conduct the daily Health Screening check while you and your child stay inside your car. Children will be screened through an open window for their temperature with a touchless thermometer (temperature must be under 100.4). Teachers will also conduct a visual wellness check at that time to assess any other symptoms (cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, rash, etc).
3. Sign your child in using our new online Digital Attendance from your cell phone. We have attached instructions on how to set it up using Curacubby. Please make sure to add people who are allowed to pick up your child/children in the new Curacubby pick-up system. The attached instructions will let you know how to do that. This will become part of your emergency pick-up list as well.
4. Once your child passes the daily check & he/she has been signed in, the teacher will take your child out of the car. Due to safety requirements parents are not allowed to enter the classroom.
5. A teacher will escort your child into the classroom. Only essential items will be allowed with the children into school (no toys, stuffies, etc). Children will put their things into their cubby and will immediately wash their hands. Your child should bring a lunch and a mid-morning snack will be provided.

Prek drop off 9:00-9:15 and 1:00-1:15 pick up

1. Drive up will not be available for the Prek unless there is a sibling in preschool. If you have a child in preschool and prek you may use drive up and the teachers will bring each child to class.
2. Please park and walk your child through the gate between the church and preschool to the playground. A teacher will meet you at the gate to sign in and out. After a quick goodbye the teacher will assist the child in putting away their belongings. At this time parents are not allowed to enter the hallway or classroom.
3. Prek will be on the playground for drop off and pick up.
4. For pick up at 1:00-1:15 please enter the gate and wait for a teacher to assist you in signing out and collecting your child.

Pick-Up from 2:00-2:15 and 4:00-4:15

1. Carline drive-up will again be the only option. We are asking that you please wait in the carline for your child to be brought to you. Please be patient with this process, as we are only able to bring one child at a time to his/her car.
2. A teacher will bring your child and his/her belongings to the car. They will be given hand sanitizer before exiting the school.
3. You will be asked to sign your child out, using the same online Curacubby Digital Attendance. We are unable to buckle your child in.

Please do not linger around the school parking area. We need to make space for everyone to social distance as they pick up their child. Large gatherings are still not allowed in school grounds. Our student population is not vaccinated and we need to keep everyone safe.

Safety Procedures:

Our State Licensing guidelines require teachers, students, and parents or caregivers to wear masks at school indoors and outdoors. Please help us by talking with children about the importance of wearing a mask and how to do so safely. Children need to have their name on their mask, as well as all personal items. Teachers will keep an eye on children and will help adjust masks when needed. If a child is absolutely refusing to wear a mask, we will give them time to try it again later. Masks are essential for keeping everyone else safe, as well as your child, so please help us keep everyone safe by using them. Children have done a great job at keeping their masks on and we have seen that it is also deterring them from putting items in their mouth. We found that masks with ear or head straps work better, as the tube or scarf kind slip down constantly.

Windows will remain open when possible and outside play will be utilized often. Social distancing with play area spacing, individual play trays, and visual markers will be used with children during activities. Teachers will hold and comfort children when needed. We are still a preschool and want to provide our students the love and care they need.

Please keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well or you suspect COVID-19 exposure. If your child looks to be under the weather when he or she wakes up, please give your child a day at home to rest and make sure he/she is well, as symptoms can worsen as the day goes on. If children come to school sick, not only will they spread germs, but your child will not enjoy their day at school feeling sick and recover may take longer without proper rest.

If your child suffers from allergies or any chronic illness, and is showing symptoms, he/she will need to have a doctor's note stating he/she safe to be at school in order to be allowed in the classroom. Even with allergies, children may not be at school if having a temperature of 100.4 or higher, as well as with severely runny nose or cough. Children must have their symptoms under control or have things in place to minimize any exposure to others in order to be at school.

We follow a 48-hour health policy. If your child is sick or was sent home due to illness, your child needs to be symptom-free and/or on antibiotics for at least 48 hours before he or she is able to return to school. Parents or caretakers must be available for a quick pick-up if a child is sent home sick. This guideline helps ensure everyone is healthy at school and illness exposure is kept at a minimum. Expect more restrictions with exposure to COVID-19, as we will follow the Health Department guidelines. Thank you for helping to keep our school healthy and helping us stay open.

Testing and quarantine may be required for anyone traveling outside of the State of California or any high-risk areas. Families must let our school know **before** traveling, so we can avoid surprises and can

figure out beforehand any required testing or quarantine needed after travel. We work closely with the Marin Health Department to follow appropriate guidelines and keep our school community safe. We appreciate your support and understanding.

We didn't have any Covid-19 cases at school last year thanks to everyone working together! Our student community is not vaccinated and it is up to all of us to keep them safe. Families **must** let us know if they are exposed to Covid-19, as testing and quarantine may be required depending on Marin Health Department guidelines for each individual case. I'm always available for questions or to discuss concerns.

Please email me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone at school soon.

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