



# Little Beaumont Pre-school

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## LITTLE BEAUMONT COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

*"Ultimately, the greatest lesson that COVID-19 can teach humanity is that we are all in this together."  
-Shaw*

### **Dear Parents.**

As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen on August 17th. Our desire is to return to school as normal (traditional) as possible but with enhanced safety precautions.

On August 17th Little Beaumont will start the term with a reduced number of children. There will be no more than 10 children per class. This number will be reassessed with time.

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has travelled to a Level 2 or 3 country, it is our expectation and requirement that students will spend 14 days in self-quarantine prior to returning to school. It is extremely important that you notify the school directly if your child is in quarantine to allow us to monitor the period of quarantine.

Each day we continue to learn more about Coronavirus and improve our understanding of a rapidly changing situation. We will continue to monitor our sources of information, and may initiate additional precautions in the coming days as the situation is constantly evolving.

### **These are the guidelines that we shall apply until further notice:**

#### **Arrival**

A hand washing /sanitizing stand will be placed outside for hand washing prior to entering school grounds.

A daily health checks on arrival will be implemented (e.g., temperature screening and/or or symptom checking). Any one exhibiting a fever over 37 C or a cough of any kind will not be allowed to enter the school.



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We are requesting that anyone dropping-off the children must wear a mask and must stay in their cars.

If convenient, a member of our staff will escort the child to their classroom. If attending for the first time we will adjust this requirement on an individual basis.

## **PPE (Personal Protection Equipment)**

Face coverings may be to challenging for younger students so we shall not be asking children to wear masks at school. However, masks will be worn by teaching staff. The teachers may remove their masks in the playground while maintaining safe distancing.

## **Adequate Supplies**

We shall be providing adequate supplies, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, cloth face coverings (as feasible).

## **Cleaning and Disinfection**

A frequent disinfecting routine will be followed. Touched surfaces (e.g., playground equipment, door handles, tables, sink handles) will be cleaned between each rotation. Use of shared objects (e.g., gym or physical education equipment) will be limited when possible.

## **Shared Objects**

We shall discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.

Children's belongings will be kept separated in individually labelled cubbies. Children will be supplied with a personalized container with pencil and crayons. There will be a limited use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time, cleaning and disinfecting will take place between rotations.

## **Ventilation**

We shall ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase the use of outside facilities.



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## **Modified Layouts**

Space seating/desks at least 3 to 6 feet apart when feasible. Teachers will adjust lesson plans and incorporate individual activities.

## **Communal Spaces**

The use of playground area will be staggered, cleaned and disinfected between uses.

## **Snack Time**

There will be spacing during snack time and parents are encouraged to send in their own cutlery if needed. We shall have our snack times outdoors, weather permits.

## **Visitors**

No visitors to the school grounds will be allowed. If a visit to the office is required, a separate entrance must be used and sanitizer will be provided.

## **Identifying Small Groups and Keeping Them Together**

We shall ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, and as much as possible, for older children).

## **Staggered Scheduling**

Staggered arrival and departure times will be implemented.

## **Staff Training**

We shall train staff on all safety protocols.



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School staff have been instructed to shower on arrival and change into their uniforms before entering school premises.

## **When someone gets sick**

We shall make sure that staff and families understand that, if they have been in contact with someone showing symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case, the child should not come to school, and that parents should notify school immediately.

If symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) present themselves during school hours, we shall immediately isolate the staff or the children and shall contact their parents or guardians. Parents must arrange for collection of their child within one hour of being notified.

In order to return to school, a medical clearance form will need to be provided.

## **Joint Commitment**

As quoted in the beginning of these guidelines, *“we are all in this together”*. Our children’s and community’s wellness are our priority.

Little Beaumont will take the utmost care to implement these measures and trusts that you will practice these guidelines outside the school grounds.

Your signature below confirms that you have read and understand **“THE LITTLE BEAUMONT COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES”** and you accept that in bringing your child to Little Beaumont you agree to abide by the forgoing these guidelines.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_