



**DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Building on Faith, Family & Community

## DCS Early Learning Program: Memo of Understanding for Families

In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic, we feel it is important to clarify that Dr. Bonnie Henry has confirmed and encouraged childcares to remain open, where possible, to serve families that are needing childcare.

Duncan Christian School Early Learning Program will continue to follow all updated protocols and procedures as outlined by Health Authorities. This can be found at the following link:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa\\_covid19\\_childcare\\_settings\\_mar\\_24\\_2020.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa_covid19_childcare_settings_mar_24_2020.pdf)

Given these important requirements, it is imperative that we are resolute in our health policy, and that all parents understand and agree to the following additional requirements:

### **Illness and Attendance:**

Children may not attend the Early Learning Program if they exhibit any symptoms of respiratory illness or fever. From the onset of any such symptoms, children must remain at home for no less than 10 days.

Children may not attend the Early Learning Program if any family member, or individual residing in their household, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has returned from any travel outside of Canada. In these instances, children must remain at home for no less than 14 days.

Individuals residing in the household with any child attending the Early Learning Program are to be taking all precautions possible to limit their exposure to COVID-19.

### **Upon Arrival:**

It is not recommended that parents enter the facility. **Drop off and pick up will occur at the east doors nearest to the elementary gymnasium.** When you arrive you can notify staff of your arrival by knocking on the outside door. Please wait with your child at the markers indicated, ensuring social distancing (2 meters).

Before a child enters the preschool room, parents will first be asked a selection of health questions that are posted on the door. Children will then be signed in by a staff member and asked to use the hand sanitizing station set up outside the door before proceeding inside to stow their belongings for the day in their designated cubby. They will then go to the sink to complete a thorough hand-washing.

Parents should strictly minimize or completely avoid spending time within the Early Learning Program classroom and maintain social distancing (2 metres) from staff and other children whether they are inside the building or on the school property.

### **Cleaning and Sanitization:**

Following the current health authorities' guidelines for sanitization and care our classroom is disinfected regularly throughout the day by childcare staff and then cleaned thoroughly by custodians at the end of the day.

**For the well-being of children, staff and families, open transparency and candor is required around all the above requirements. Although this may lead to some challenging conversations, staff and families need to acknowledge and respect their necessity and intention of care during the pandemic. We sincerely appreciate your compliance and understanding!**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/essential-services-covid-19#non-health>

I have read and follow the above protocols and recommendations as well as those recommended by the Ministry of Health and posted on their website and links in this document.

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

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