

La Cristianita Preschool
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Re: La Cristianita Preschool Response to COVID-19

Changes to safely begin Summer Session 2021:

Dear Parents,

As we plan for a safe start to our summer program, many plans were made this past year to help ensure we keep our students as healthy as possible. We returned to school with plans that were different from what we were used to, they worked well and are changes that we feel are necessary to comply with guidelines from the OC Department of Health, Community Care Licensing and the State of California. Please carefully read through these changes, as we have been able to loosen up a couple of things so you can be prepared.

- If you aren't already signed up, please watch for an email invitation to Brightwheel. Log into the site and add all information for your child including address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and people authorized to pick your child up from school. We will be using Brightwheel for all sign in and out, communication, billing, and much more so please get your child's information input and add the app to your phones.
- No parent or siblings will be allowed on campus. At drop off, parents will take children to the sign in table located by the gate to the playground. A staff member will meet you there, ensure you have signed your child in on your Brightwheel app and take your child's temperature. Any fever 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed at school. We then will assist in getting your child's lunch and anything else brought to school, helping them say good bye, and escorting your child to their classroom for the day. As they leave you, we will be sure they use the hand sanitizer station before they enter campus. For the time being, we will not be having our typical morning opening. Chapel is happening on a modified schedule to coordinate co-mingling groups. Once we are allowed to go back to normal, we hope our traditional events will start back up!

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- If your child is ill or has a fever, they must be home from school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours before they return. We will not allow your child back before then so please make arrangements for care if needed.
- When you arrive to pick your child up at the end of their day, the same procedure will take place as we help you sign out using Brightwheel on your phone and bring your child to meet you at the gate.
- If your child is staying for a nap, please bring a crib sized sheet, a SMALL blanket, and a small stuffed animal if they would like – label everything with your child’s name. All bedding will be put in a school provided bag and kept at school. We will launder all bedding weekly at school!
- We are asking parents to help supply items needed for school supplies that are usually shared. This year, each child will have their own bag of supplies to use each day. We are hoping parents can donate a box of crayons, a box of washable markers, a pair of children’s scissors and some glue sticks to be used to fill these bags.
- Through out the day, toys and equipment will be disinfected. We will have children wash their hands thoroughly as we transition play areas such as from outside to inside, etc. Nap cots will be disinfected each day, as well as playground equipment and handles of every kind.
- The need to wear masks will be based on state guidelines. At this time, the state is encouraging us to have children wear masks and staff will be wearing a mask or a shield unless they are eating or at a safe distance outside.

We realize these are changes to our normal routine at La Cristianita. We hope we can return to our traditional school day routines soon, however we know if we all talk to our children about the new routines, they will adjust just fine. We will have smaller groups on the playground and many classes will eat lunch outside so we can limit larger groups sitting so close to each other at a table. It is our goal to keep preschool a fun, social and learning environment, while implementing some new procedures that will make us better even without the COVID-19 epidemic. The 2020/21 school year went fantastically and we are looking forward to a fun summer!