



St. Joseph the Carpenter School Pre-K Reopening Plan

2020-2021

We look forward to welcoming our students and families in September. The classrooms may look a little different, but the social, emotional, spiritual, and academic development of our children, along with their personal safety, will be a continuous focus as we begin the new school year.

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is a half day session on Wednesday, September 9th. Lunch will not be served and all children are dismissed at 12:00.

What does the daily schedule look like?

Our Pre-K classes will be held in school **five days a week** from 8:00 AM- 2:45 PM. For those families requiring childcare, extended hours are available from 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM.

What type of health screenings will the school require?

- ❖ Daily Health Screening Survey: Parents will be asked to complete a brief online survey each morning assessing their child's symptoms and possible exposure to COVID-19. The survey will be a Google form sent via email and Class Dojo. This must be completed before students can be admitted to class. Faculty/staff will complete the same survey prior to arrival.
- ❖ Daily Temperature Checks: Pre-K students will have their temperatures taken before they leave the parent's car with a non-contact thermometer. Anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will not be permitted in the building.

Will my child(ren) be required to wear a mask in school?

Faculty, staff, and all students over the age of 2 will be required to wear masks at all times in the building. Students will be required to wear a mask to school each day and to keep an extra mask in a sealed Ziploc bag in the classroom. We encourage you to have your children wear a mask for a few minutes more each day until they can wear it for an hour. Children will not wear their masks when they eat snack and lunch, at rest time on their cots, and when they are outside. We will take the children outside throughout the day as weather permits to give them a break from wearing a mask.

How will the school ensure social distancing during the school day?

- ❖ Each classroom has been redesigned with tables and plastic barriers to accommodate two children. Classroom centers have been set up for 1-2 children at a time and equipment will be cleaned after each use. Students will keep a box of tissues and a bottle of hand sanitizer on their personal shelves.
- ❖ Students will have individual writing and art supplies which will be kept in sealed plastic boxes on their shelves.
- ❖ Each student will have his or her own collection of manipulatives, play doh and art supplies that will be stored in sealed plastic containers on his or her shelf. Toys will be cleaned, sanitized, and rotated each week.

- ❖ Each classroom has its own bathroom with a single toilet and sink that will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- ❖ At dismissal, parents will ring the doorbell and your child will be brought to the door where you will sign him/her out of school.

How will lunch and recess work?

Lunch will be served in the classrooms. Maschio's will deliver meals to the rooms for those who order lunch.

The Pre-K classes will take turns on the playground and/or playroom. Students can remove masks during outdoor recess. All equipment will be cleaned and sanitized between uses. Students will have opportunities to wash their hands before and after lunch and recess.

What will arrival procedures look like?

Students may begin arriving at 7:45 am (extended day students can arrive beginning at 7:00.) Pre-K children enter using the first door closest to the 3rd Avenue driveway. Parents will remain in the car and a staff member will bring you the clipboard to sign your child in and then welcome your child and bring him/her to his/her classroom.

Students will be temperature checked before they exit the car. If a student has a temperature over 100 degrees, he or she must leave with a parent. Parents will sign their child into school on the class' clipboard.

What will dismissal procedures look like?

At dismissal, parents or those you authorize on your pick up release card, will ring the Pre-K doorbell and your child will be brought to the door with his/her belongings where he/she will be signed out of school.

What steps will be taken to clean and sanitize the building?

Over the summer, the entire building was deeply cleaned and sanitized. We have increased the hours of our custodial and maintenance staff to ensure that classrooms, hallways, stairwells, bathrooms, the cafeteria, and playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

Students' tables, chairs, commonly touched surfaces (light switches, door handles, shelves), railings, hallway walls, and all floors will be cleaned and then sanitized daily using a hospital grade sanitizing product. Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the school day and at the end of each day.

Playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitized between classes. Pre-K teachers/assistants will clean and sanitize toys and equipment throughout the day.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 (student, faculty, or staff) in the building?

The school will immediately contact the Roselle Health Department to consult and initiate contact

tracing procedures. We will follow their guidance. The student or staff member with the confirmed case will be required to stay home from school for at least 10 days since their symptoms first appeared and they are fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and symptoms improve. All close contacts will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Similarly, a person with clinical symptoms of COVID-19 with known exposure to a confirmed case will be required to quarantine for 14 days, and testing will be strongly recommended. All close contacts (classmates, faculty, staff) will be required to quarantine for 14 days as well.

Remote learning activities, including instructional time with the teacher via Zoom, will be provided for any PreK student who is required to quarantine. Parents will be asked to pick up supplies for classroom projects.

What happens if a person (student, faculty, staff) reports clinical symptoms of COVID-19 with no known exposure to a confirmed case?

If the person is in the building, he or she will be moved to the isolation room under the supervision of the nurse. Parents will be contacted, and they will be required to immediately pick up their child. Staff or faculty members reporting symptoms will immediately leave the building.

The student, staff, or faculty member cannot return to school until one of the following occurs:

1. At least 10 days has passed since symptoms began AND the person has been fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication)
2. A negative COVID-19 test is received and 24 hours has passed without a fever or other symptoms (without fever reducing medication)
3. A doctor's note is provided showing an alternate diagnosis

What happens if we are required to close the school building again?

We are prepared for remote learning should we be required to close the school building. Teachers will engage students in daily lessons and individual instruction via Zoom, read-aloud videos posted in Class Dojo, and daily hands-on projects. Supplies needed for the children's projects will be available for pick up at school, and a weekly schedule will be emailed to the parents and posted on Class Dojo.