



School in the Hills

COVID-19 Mini Parent Handbook Policies and Procedures - Fall 2021

➤ Before Bringing Your Child to School:

- **Keep your child home** if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain/body aches or fatigue
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or having a temperature of 99.6 degrees or above
- **Keep your child home** if they have had known contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 or is suspected of having Covid-19.
- **Notify the school** if your child is experiencing symptoms or has had exposure to a Covid-19 case so that we can work with you to verify the appropriate quarantine and testing requirements prior to their return to school.

➤ Schedules and Classroom Routines:

- Academic hours - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (drop off and pick up lines will run from 8:00 to 8:30 in the mornings and 3:30 to 4:00 in the afternoons). A staff member will be available to assist for early pickups as needed.
- Half-day hours - 8:00-12:30 for Primary, and 8:00-12:00 for Toddlers, with these children going home before nap.
- **Extended day (morning hours) - 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. (only if selected at enrollment)**
Extended day (afternoon hours) - 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. (only if selected at enrollment)
- As per the Parent Handbook, late pick up fees will be billed at \$5 per minute.
- Please limit your child's belongings to a minimum. All children are invited to bring a reusable water bottle clearly labeled with their name. The following are also approved items - one small blanket and lovey for younger children that are napping, diapers and wipes for toddlers who are not yet potty trained, extra change of clothes to be kept in the cubby, a book for silent reading time for Elementary students, a lunchbox with nut free snacks and lunches for those children bringing their own food from home. Extra clothes and nap items should be brought to school in a sealed ziplock bag.
- In an effort to stay in pods, children now eat in their respective classrooms. Family

style serving has been put on indefinite hold, and teachers will continue to serve the children their individual lunches and snacks.

- Extra-curricular classes provided by outside vendors continue to be suspended through Fall, but we are hopeful that these classes will be reinstated for our Spring semester with reduced numbers and extra precautions in place.

➤ **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:**

- Drop off and pick up is done outside the school building – parents and other visitors are discouraged from entering the school building unless necessary. **If entering the building at any time, parents are required to wear masks.**
- When arriving for drop off or pick up, please pull all the way up to the flagpole to avoid the car line backing up. Likewise, please limit conversations during drop off and pick up as this can cause delays for families that are waiting.
- All children and staff will complete a health screening and temperature check before entering the building each day. Parents must wait until the health screening is complete and children are allowed to enter before leaving the campus. **Children and staff may not enter the building if they have a temperature of 99.6 degrees or above.**
- Pick up will be done outside the building, “curbside.” When you arrive at school, **text the number for your child’s campus with your child’s name and let us know that you are here to pick up.** Please allow time for your child to clean up and gather their things, we will then bring them out to your car when they are ready. You must ensure your child is safely buckled in before leaving, SitH staff are not allowed to buckle children into their carseats.
 - **River Place - 512.693.8553**
 - **Steiner Ranch - 512.766.8610**

These numbers are reserved for receiving text messages related to pick up only, all other inquiries should be emailed to the appropriate person or phone calls can be made to the regular phone number at your campus.

➤ **Masks and Face Coverings:**

- **Kindergarten and Elementary children must bring a mask to school. All other children over the age of two are strongly encouraged to wear masks, whenever possible.**
- All staff will continue to wear masks inside the building. All parents or visitors entering the building are also required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

➤ **Illness Policy**

- If your child becomes ill while at school, we will call you to come pick them up. We ask that a parent or other authorized pick up person arrive as quickly as possible, and within 30 minutes.
- If your child is showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or has a temperature of 99.6 degrees or above, they must stay home. Children and staff with fever or other COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home until they are free of these symptoms or fever, without the use of medication, for 24 hours, or they provide a doctor's note clearing them for return.
- Children presenting with two or more symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to get a note from a doctor clearing them before returning to school.

Travel Policy

- Our goal is to keep the children and staff as safe as possible with minimal exposure to everyone involved. We ask that you inform us of any upcoming travel, either by road or air.
If a child travels either by air or road, s/he is no longer required to quarantine. We ask that you/children continue to follow social distancing recommendations, wear a mask, take all possible precautions during travel, and self monitor for symptoms after.
Together, we can keep our community safe.