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Tomorrow evening, Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 8:30 pm, I am hosting a Zoom meeting for preschool families. The agenda for the meeting is to review our ever changing Covid protocols and to answer parent questions. There is still time for you to submit questions in advance. Send your questions via email to maryashie@chabadgreenwic.org.

As the CDC and the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) update their protocols, so do we for our preschool. In addition, we are learning a lot from our Backyard Gan program, and these learnings will be incorporated into our preschool procedures in the fall. Below is a list of protocols we originally published on June 17th. Comments in *RED are either new or updated.*

- No parents, caregivers or visitors allowed into the building. *Update: Per the OEC, if a child is having trouble separating, a healthy parent or caregiver is allowed into the building. A mask is required.*
- Daily temperature checks of staff and students before entering the building.
- No staff or child with a temperature over 100 degrees, or who presents with any signs of illness, are allowed in building. *Update: If a staff person begins to feel ill during the day, she will leave the classroom area. Another staff person will step in for her, to maintain staff to student ratios. If a child becomes ill during the school day, he / she will be brought upstairs at Chabad. It is expected that a parent or caregiver will pick their child up from school as soon as notified of the illness.*
- Staff wear masks at all times indoors, and outdoors if social distancing is not an option. Staff wear clean long smocks (scrubs) while at school.
- Teachers will have clear masks or face shields.
- No more than ten children in each classroom. *Update: Per the OEC, the maximum number of children allowed in a classroom is now 14.*
- Daily report from parents confirming if anyone in household is sick, has traveled, or has been exposed to COVID. *Update: This, along with the daily temperature check is part of our daily screening procedures.*
- There will be outdoor time each day that weather permits. *Update: Each class will have two outdoor periods each day as weather permits.*
- Classes will not come in contact with other groups of children in attendance.
- Staff to be trained in enhanced cleaning / disinfecting protocol, as well as increased hand washing for themselves and the children in their care.
- Social distancing to keep children apart outside of individual classrooms.
- No special events such as school-wide holiday programs or celebrations.
- Staggered outdoor time so that classroom groups do not co-mingle.
- Hand Sanitizer dispensers located at each outside door. *Update: In addition, a hand sanitizing station will be accessible at our outdoor spaces. We are using a safe foaming sanitizer.*
- Staggered drop-off and pick-up times each day to avoid too many families outside at once. (The schedule will be based on last name.)
- Toys that can not be easily cleaned and disinfected are removed from the classrooms.
- Synagogue services will NOT be held indoors at Chabad.

- Each child has his / her own supply box to minimize sharing of common items such as crayons, markers and paintbrushes.
- Backpacks and lunch boxes are wiped down each morning before being placed in a cubby.
- *Staff and children must follow CT regulations for travel and quarantine as a minimum standard.*

We are pleased to report that our program is nearing capacity for the school year. Based on our current enrollment numbers, we plan to have five classrooms consisting of two 2s classes, two 3s classes, and one Pre K. We are discussing different options for our daily "Specials". Our current thinking is to have at least one sports special each week that can be held outdoors. If during the school year, it is determined it is safe to do so, we will consider offering Clubs again.

We are reviewing the school calendar and are identifying days that could be added back into the calendar in the event we have any temporary school or classroom closings due to Covid. We will communicate these dates shortly.

As the summer progresses, families will receive additional information about the return to school, including any updates to our calendar, a Parent Handbook, and other necessary forms. A Transition schedule will also be sent, documenting a gradual start to the full school day for some classrooms. We are planning for each teaching team to schedule individual backyard home visits for each child as a way for children to get comfortable with seeing their teachers in masks. Families with children new to school should plan on remaining with their children for a shortened day for the first four days of school. This time will be spent together with your children and teachers on the playground.

A note to all families: the OEC and the Town of Greenwich require that all children submit a completed Health Assessment Form on an annual basis. The forms expire one year from the date of the last physical exam. **No child can attend preschool without a completed form** on file with the Preschool Office. All families will be sent blank forms later this week, or you can get a form directly from your health care provider. As you schedule appointments for your children, please keep in mind that the OEC and the Town of Greenwich also require annual influenza vaccines. We are asking that documentation for the flu vaccine be submitted by December 1, 2020.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening via ZOOM. Again, please feel free to submit any questions to maryashie@chabadgreenwich.org. Here is the ZOOM link information:

Invite Link

<https://zoom.us/j/4045802626>

Meeting Invitation

Maryashie Deren is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Review of COVID Protocols for Preschool 2020 - Q&A Session

Time: Jul 15, 2020 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Best wishes,

Maryashie and Greta