

## La Salle Nursery School COVID-19 Policies

In accordance with the guidance issued by the Province of Manitoba and La Salle School policies and procedures, La Salle Nursery School will be implementing the following guidelines for the 2020/2021 school year. The guidelines are mandatory for all families enrolled in the program and compliance is imperative to help slow the spread of Covid-19 and ensure our ability to continue to operate in a safe manner.

### Arrivals & Departures

Prior to arrival parents will check children's temperature and complete the Coronavirus screening tool available from *Manitoba Shared Health*. You may be asked screening questions at the Nursery School drop off spot.

For reference LaSalle Nursery School will be using the following temperature norms:

- Mouth 36.5-37.5°C
- Under Arm 36.5-37.5°C
- Ear 35.8-38°C

**Children must not be administered fever reducing medication before arriving at Nursery School.**

The screening tool applies to both the students and family members. No one is permitted into the Nursery School if they or an immediate family member have any one of the following symptoms:

- -a fever over 38°C
- -a cough
- -a sore throat
- -excessive runny nose
- -shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- -muscle aches, fatigue, loss of smell or taste
- have been (or their immediate family has been) in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is confirmed to have Covid-19
- -has or their family member has been in a large group setting in the last 14 days where someone has been confirmed to have Covid-19
- -has had or their family member has had close contact with someone who is ill with respiratory symptoms

Should your child or an immediate family member require testing for Covid-19, your child may not return to Nursery School until the test results are negative and the requirements set out in the screening tool are met.

Example of screening tool being used:

**Risk Assessment Initial Screening**

<b>A. Do you have new onset of any of the below</b>		
-Fever > 38°C or subjective fever /chills	Yes	No
-cough	Yes	No
-sore throat/hoarse voice	Yes	No
-shortness of breath	Yes	No
-loss of taste or smell	Yes	No
-vomiting, or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Yes	No
-poor feeding if an infant	Yes	No
<b>B. Do you have new onset of 2 or more of any of the below symptoms?</b>		
-Runny Nose	Yes	No
-Muscle Aches	Yes	No
-Fatigue	Yes	No
-Conjunctivitis	Yes	No
-Headache	Yes	No
-Skin rash of unknown cause	Yes	No
-Nausea or loss of appetite	Yes	No

If Screen Positive for one symptom listed in A or two symptoms in B, consider symptomatic. Care will not be provided.

An online version of the screen tool is available at Manitoba Shared Health:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

**Upon Arrival:**

1. Drop off points are listed in our Welcome package. Parents are not permitted in the building at this time, as per La Salle School policy. Teachers will ask if screening has been done at home. Parents may be required to sign off that screening has been done at home.
2. Students will enter the building with staff. Staff will assist children with putting their belongings in their lockers, getting shoes on etc. Students will wash hands at our hand washing station.
3. We ask that families limit pickup/drop off people to minimize contact with the Nursery School.
4. Please ensure your child uses the washroom prior to coming to school. We will go once as a group, then as needed during class time.

### **At Pickup time:**

1. We ask that parents wait outside to pick up their children. Pickup points will be listed in the Welcome package. Please ensure social distancing if you choose to wait out of your car.
2. Students will be outside for pickup with their belongings. Parents will not be permitted in the building. Please remember that students and staff from La Salle School may be outdoors at time of pickup. We ask that parents keep their distance as these students and staff will be in their respective cohorts.

### **Continuity of Service:**

In the event that staff or their immediate family members are presenting symptoms they will not be attending Nursery School. We will do our best to obtain a substitute for the class, however if we are unable to the class will be canceled.

### **Frequently asked questions:**

1. What is the Nursery School's hygiene/cleaning protocol?

The Nursery School already has a sanitization protocol in place as per Manitoba Early Learning and Childcare regulations. We will continue to do our due diligence and clean/sanitize the toys daily, between classes and throughout the day.

Hand Sanitizer, soap and paper towels will be used for frequent hand washing. Parents are asked to send one roll of paper towel and may be asked to send more as needed. Children and staff will be required to wash their hands when entering the room, before and after activities and after nose blowing and bathrooming.

Lockers, shelves, chairs and tables will be sanitized after use. Toys will be rotated and sanitized between classes. Any remaining carpets will be sprayed between classes.

2. Will students be social distancing in the classroom?

Yes and No. Social distancing between little ones is virtually impossible. We will do our best to ensure that students have space between them when possible but students will be permitted to sit together for meals, play and activities.

In an effort to reduce the possibility of transmission daycare children from the La Salle Kidz Beaudry site will be kept together. There will still be non daycare students in their classes. This will also give teachers more time for sanitizing by only having one pickup and drop off at the daycare each day. 3-year-olds from La Salle Kidz Beaudry site will be in the afternoon class on Monday & Wednesday. The four-year-olds from Beaudry site will be in the afternoon class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. La Salle Kidz Beaudry site Daycare families will be screened at daycare drop off, therefore we won't require that screening be done by those parents prior to class. Should the child exhibit symptoms prior to Nursery the daycare would be contacting a parent for immediate pickup and the child would not come to Nursery School that day.

3. Will teachers be wearing a mask?

Teachers are not yet required to wear a mask in the classroom or outdoors but can if they choose. Within the school hallway and washroom, staff will wear masks/shields as per school division policy.

At this time Nursery School students are not required to wear masks while in the school.

4. What if a child or parent has been tested for Covid 19 and the test comes back negative. Are they permitted to come to Nursery School even if the test is negative but they still have symptoms of a cold?

No. Covid 19 test results are relevant only to the day which the sample was collected. This is why the screening tool must also be considered when looking at students returning to the classroom following illness. Students and family must pass the screening tool test prior to return to the classroom.

5. What if a parent or immediate family member is ill, can the child attend Nursery School without symptoms?

No, we ask that if anyone in the immediate family is unwell, your child stay home.

6. What happens if a child becomes ill while at Nursery School?

Staff will isolate the child and a parent will be contacted. Children exhibiting any symptoms or feeling unwell must be picked up with 20 minutes of the call. If the parent cannot be reached an alternate emergency contact will be utilized. Please ensure that your registration form has two emergency contacts listed.

7. What if there is a case of covid-19 in the Nursery School or La Salle School?

Public Health will be notified and advise us on what to do.

If there is a case of Covid 19 in the Nursery School we will follow public health's advice. The room will be sterilized.

On behalf of the board of directors and staff at La Salle Nursery School we thank you for your cooperation in following all of our policies. Should you have any questions please feel free to email the Nursery School.

We are looking forward to getting back into the classroom and enjoying some much needed fun and learning!