



# Oneonta Montessori School

## REOPENING PLAN 2020



### WELCOME BACK

We are looking forward to starting the new 'normal' school year with welcoming back all our Oneonta families. We are confident and eager to forge ahead and get started, so welcome back everyone!

### OVERVIEW FOR ONSITE LEARNING

As we get ready to reopen our campus on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> we want all our families to know that we have been implementing all necessary precautions to welcome back our Oneonta families into a safe and healthy environment. Our summer camp experience allowed us to set mandatory safety guidelines in order to carry out a successful onsite camp experience. By placing a high value on safety and crafting guidelines, the children adjusted very quickly & embraced the new norm with ease.

### 2 LEARNING MODELS

**Parents must pick 1 model only**

#### ONSITE LEARNING

Families in favor of sending their children to school to physically interact with their teachers and peers will be able to do so and follow a regular day schedule.

#### ONLINE LEARNING

We are very confident in our ability to provide a safe on campus experience, however, if families opt for online learning they may do so as well. Students will be able to follow the class presentations and assignments by logging on to Zoom and working from their homes under the guidance of an adult. Students will be able to interact with their classmates while on Zoom and feel they belong in the classroom.

Both learning models will get the same presentations, assignments, seat work, textbooks, homework etc; the only differences will be the physical aspect & individual guidance provided by caregivers instead of teachers.

We will be using Google Classroom as our digital platform so all classrooms are streamlined in their approach to teaching.

*We are hopeful that this pandemic will soon ease and we can invite all our students back to our friendly Oneonta campus!*

### CLASS SIZES (ONSITE)

Preschool 10:1 Elementary 15:1

Children will remain with their own group all day; they will not move classes. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to maintain social distancing; desks, tables, chairs and designated squares on carpets display children's names. Nap mats (preschool) will have children's names, will be placed 6' apart (head to toe) during naptime and sanitized daily.

### OUTDOOR RECESS

Each class will have outdoor time during recess of 30 - 45 minutes each. Children will be closely monitored by staff so play groups adhere to social distancing rules.

### LUNCHES

Only sack lunches (paper/plastic bags) permitted. No lunch boxes, thermos', Tupperware containers etc are allowed. Preschoolers must not bring any items that need to be warmed. Sacks will be disposed of after lunch and will not be sent home with any leftover food. Unopened sealed snacks can be saved at school for use the next day. Sharing food is not allowed. Choice Lunch, the hot lunch program, will start operation in Sept.

### DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLES

All drinking fountains are no longer operational; disposable water bottles must be brought to school daily. Water bottles can be saved for use the following day, only if unopened.

### DAY CARE HOURS

To try our best to limit time on campus, our daycare hours will be shortened; **Start time is 7:00 a.m. and closing time 5:00 p.m. daily.**

### UNIFORMS

#### TK/K/Elementary students only

The name of the uniform company is **APPAREL COLLECTIVE**, formerly Casual Tee. <http://shopapparelcollective.com/shops/oneonta-montessori/>. In order to keep school time a focused learning period for the whole group, all students both, onsite & online, must wear the school uniform Monday - Thursday, and must follow the dress code without compromise. Friday is free dress and students may wear casual but school friendly attire. White or black athletic shoes are mandatory to allow for unrestricted play.

# GUIDELINES

## **DROP OFF PROCEDURE**

### **Preschool - Lower parking lot**

Park on street.

Vehicles not allowed inside.

Adults & children must have masks.

Walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.

### **Elementary - Upper parking lot**

Park inside lot.

Adults must remain in vehicles.

Students walk to designated spots & await turn at designated area by gate.

## **TEMPERATURE CHECK**

### **Active Screening takes place**

\* Temperature check

\*Basic Covid-19 symptom questions asked

\*Children get hand sanitizer and walk into building.

At entry, any children displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19 will not be allowed into school. ***Pls do not leave until your child gains entry to school.***

During the school day, any children exhibiting symptoms will be isolated immediately and must be picked up within 15- 20 minutes.

Children cannot return to school without clearance from their physician showing a Covid-19 test result that is negative.

## **SIGNING IN/OUT**

Staff will sign children in and out daily.

## **PICK UP PROCEDURE**

Adults must wear masks.

Adults must walk up to gate and stay on social distancing spots.

Preschool parents buzz office

Staff will send children out to meet parents.

## **MASKS**

All students 2 yrs and over must wear a mask at all times except during nap time. All Oneonta staff members will wear a mask at all times on campus.

## **MATERIALS AND TOYS**

Sharing of materials and toys is not allowed. Children will be assigned specific materials for use, sprayed with disinfectant soon after use and also at the end of each day.

Personal Ziplock bags with classroom essentials such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks will be given to each child, solely for individual use in school.

## **SPECIAL & EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES**

Music and the STEM program will continue for the next school year on Zoom. However, Dance, Tennis, Yoga, Hapkido will be on hiatus until it is safe to do so, thereby limiting visitors on campus.

## **VISITORS NOT ALLOWED**

No one other than Oneonta staff will be allowed on campus at anytime. Please refrain from gathering in the parking lot or on the street in groups so as to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

## **TRAVEL**

Any child, family member or staff member returning from any state that is under a stage 3 travel advisory from the CDC must not return to school until a 14 day mandatory self quarantine period has lapsed.

## **HAND WASHING**

Children will wash their hands as soon as they enter school every morning. They will have supervised hand washing before and after meals, before and after recess & at 30 minute intervals through the school day. Hand washing for 20 seconds will be done while singing the ABC song (preschool) and children will use a napkin to shut off faucet.

## **HAND SANITIZER STATIONS**

Numerous stations have been installed all around the school; classroom entrances, hallways and under patios. Children will use hand sanitizer whenever they pass these stations, supervised by the staff.

## **RESTROOMS**

Only 2 children are allowed in the restroom at any given time. They will be taught to use toilet paper to hold the flush handle to flush. Toilet seats/ urinals/handles will be sprayed with disinfectant after each use. Children will wash hands for at least 20 seconds after every restroom visit.

## **DISINFECTING SCHOOL/CLASSROOMS**

We have always used a professional janitorial company to clean and sanitize our school on a daily basis. They will continue to do so with an emphasis on disinfecting all high touch common areas such as door knobs, light switches gates etc on a daily basis. Staff is in charge of disinfecting tables, chairs, mats, toy bins, materials & other high touch areas in their own classrooms, throughout and at the end of each day.

# SAFETY FIRST - STAY AT HOME POLICY

*We ask that parents notify us immediately if any student, or any of their family members, develops symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19. It is imperative we follow CDC guidelines about what must then take place. The student, any siblings, and possibly their classmates, will convert to Online Learning immediately. They may only return to Campus if they've quarantined at home for 14 days from beginning of symptoms or from when positive test was performed. They must remain asymptomatic for 72 hours and can only return to school with a clearance letter from their Physician. This policy also applies to Oneonta staff. Please understand the broad implications of the situation and inform us immediately so we can take the necessary steps at school to ensure the safety of our student body and Oneonta staff. Thank You for your co-operation!*

# STRONGER TOGETHER- LET'S DO OUR PART

*We all want the best for our children! We all want children to be around their peers in a traditional school setting. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, must depend on experts in the medical and science communities to give us valuable information for the safety of all. Since even the world's best Medical doctors and Scientists around the world cannot predict the future of COVID-19, all we can do is prepare and plan to the best of our abilities. We know that this carefully crafted plan is subject to change at a moment's notice, but rest assured that if LACDPH mandates that school's must close once again, we'll be ready to transition all our students to Online learning.*

*We cannot predict how the school year will play out, but we want to assure all our Oneonta families that we are committed and prepared to engage, nurture and inspire our students whether they are in our classrooms or at home in your living rooms.*

# WELCOME BACK ONEONTA FAMILIES!