



# Oneonta Montessori School



## SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 SAFETY PROTOCOLS TK- 6TH GRADE

### **DROP OFF PROCEDURE**

#### **K- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

- \* Use upper parking lot.
- \* Parents must remain inside vehicles.
- \* Students walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.
- \* **TK Students** park on street in front of school & use lower parking lot. (No driving into lot).
- \* **TK & Elementary Students** who have siblings in the preschool must enter from the lower parking lot.

### **TEMPERATURE CHECK**

#### **Active Screening takes place**

- \* Temperature check
  - \* Basic Covid-19 symptom overall visual check.
  - \* 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 the parking lot until your child gains entry to school.*
- During the school day, children exhibiting any symptoms will be isolated immediately and must be picked up within 15- 20 minutes. Child must stay home for a minimum of 10 days until symptoms have improved & are free of fever for at least 24 hrs without fever reducing medication.

### **PICK UP PROCEDURE**

Adults must wear masks at all times & use **same entrances**. Adults must use walkway and stay on social distancing spots. Staff will use Walkie Talkies to send children out to meet parents.

### **WELCOME BACK FAMILIES**

Hooray for the start of new school year! We are excited to welcome all of you back to Oneonta! We are confident and eager to forge ahead and stand fast on our commitment to our families; thank you for the trust placed on us. Once your child has been placed on the Classroom roster, the teacher will get in touch with you via our school app called DOJO. This will be the means of communication; teacher and parent.

### **LACDPH RESTRICTIONS**

LA County Dept of Public Health has eased some restrictions for the public; however, for reopening of schools there are many State restrictions that must be adhered to for the safety of all as our students are not vaccinated. Schools must remain compliant with State Guidance. We will continue to abide by all the layers of mitigation & strategies we have implemented as it restricts the spread of Covid-19 in schools. They are listed here & ensure the health & safety of all. Thank You for your utmost cooperation.

### **MASKS**

All students must wear a mask at all times, except during meal time and during recess. All Oneonta staff members will wear a mask at all times on campus. Masks should fit snugly on face; cover nose and mouth and slip under chin. Extra masks may be brought (in backpack) to school. If masks tear or get dirty, school will provide one. A little personal paper bag with child's name will be provided so masks can be stored when not in use.

### **SNACKS/ LUNCHES**

Snacks and lunches must be brought from home. Those on the hot lunch program will have lunch delivered to school. All food items must be kept inside backpack inside the classroom. TK & Kindergarten students will use the lockers to store their backpacks. Sharing of food is not allowed at school

### **WATER BOTTLES**

All drinking fountains are no longer operational; disposable water bottles (highly recommended) or thermoses must be brought from home. All items brought from home must be kept inside backpacks or lockers for TK & K.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING INSIDE**

We will make sure every student is cognizant & upholds this rule. There are designated markings on the floor inside the school as well as outside on the playground; students must await their turn by standing on these markings.

*At pick up, we ask that parents please stand on markings and only move up when spots become available.*

If anyone other than those on the Emergency pick up list arrives to pick up your child, please let the class teacher know ahead of time.

# SAFETY STANDARDS

## CLASSROOMS

Children will remain mainly with their own class group all day. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to maintain social distancing; desks/tables are laid out across the room to ensure social distancing.

## OUTDOOR RECESS

Each class will have outdoor time during recess, lunch & daycare. Children will be closely monitored by staff; class groups will stay & play together. Play structures will be disinfected after each group uses the play ground.

## LOCKER AREA IS CLOSED

Backpacks are mandatory for all students. Only TK & K students may use the lockers. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders; all items brought to school must fit inside backpacks and kept inside own classrooms.

## INSIDE BACKPACKS

Snacks: morning and afternoon  
Lunch  
Water bottles/thermoses  
Personal Hand sanitizer  
Extra Masks

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS + CHILDHOOD DISEASES

Please make sure your child comes to school not exhibiting any type of symptoms, even a slight case of the sniffles. Staff conducting wellness check will ask that child be taken home.

## VISITORS NOT ALLOWED

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

## PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!

### SCHOOL STARTS @: 9:00 AM; TK- K & @ 8:30; 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> GRD

We ask that all students be in school and inside their classrooms, set & ready to begin the day at above times. Teachers will start precisely on time. Students who are late will be sent to the office to get a tardy slip; this will reflect on Progress Report cards, so please don't be late. Thank You!

## DAY CARE HOURS

To limit time on campus, our daycare hours have been shortened this school year; **Start time is 7:00 a.m. and closing time 5:00 p.m. daily.** Please do not be late as the late fee is \$1.00 per minute past 5:00 p.m., payable to the teacher who stays with the children until pick up.

## HAND WASHING

Children will be supervised with hand washing at numerous intervals throughout the school day. Hand washing must be for a duration of 20 seconds; using 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

Class groups will take turns to use the restroom. For emergency use, only 1 student per class will have access.

## 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, daycare toy bins, materials & other high touch areas in their own classrooms at the end of each day.

## IPAD/LAPTOP/TABLETS AT SCHOOL

Students will work on class assignments on a personal electronic device in school. 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must bring it to school two days a week (Tue & Thurs), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade must bring it to school every day.

## TRAVEL

According to the CDC guidelines, all persons (any child, family or staff member) returning from vacation from any other state or another country must not return to school until a 10 day mandatory self quarantine period has lapsed. Three days after arrival, if a Covid19 test is conducted and it is a negative result, individual may come back to school after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of arrival. We ask that everyone, please comply with this guideline so that all of us at Oneonta can remain healthy. Thank you for your cooperation!

# SAFETY FIRST - STAY AT HOME POLICY

LACDPH has allowed for fewer restrictions for the general public. However, our students are not vaccinated and we must do everything to protect them. We must not let our guard down and ask that parents be vigilant and 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 then stay home for a period of 10 days of self quarantine. They may only return to Campus when they have completed the 10 day quarantine period. 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; it is for the benefit of all! Thank You for your utmost 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 still depend on experts in the medical and science communities to give us valuable information for the safety of all. We must continue to prepare and plan to the best of our abilities. Since even the world's best Medical doctors and Scientists around the world cannot predict the future of COVID-19 virus with all its variants, their expertise matters & one fact remains very clear; masking works, so let's all continue to do our part. We were gradually entering a path to normalcy but with the Delta variant now rampant in some communities understand that this carefully crafted plan is subject to change at a moment's notice; rest assured that if LACDPH mandates that schools must close once again, we'll be ready to transition all our students to online learning without hesitation.

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. Thank you for your trust in us; we are honored to be a part of your child's educational journey!

# WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!