

# Oneonta Montessori School



## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 SAFETY PROTOCOLS PRESCHOOL



### WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*We can't wait to get started with a promising and healthy new school year! We are excited to welcome everyone to Oneonta! We are confident and eager to stand fast on our commitment to our families; thank you for the trust placed on us. We have persevered throughout this pandemic standing true to our commitment to follow the science and the advice given to use by professionals in the field. We will continue to do so this school year.*

### DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE

#### Preschool Students

#### Use Lower parking lot

- \* Park on Poplar Blvd (street).
- \* Vehicles not allowed inside parking lot.
- \* Walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.
- \* Parents must remain in parking lot; staff will escort children in.
- \* Limited access on campus.

#### TK- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

#### Use upper parking lot.

- \* Parents may walk children to gate. If there are siblings in the preschool, please drop off in the lower parking lot.

### TEMPERATURE CHECK

- \* **Temperature check**
  - \* **Children get hand sanitizer and teacher walks them into building.**
- At entry, any children displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19 will not be allowed into 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 5 days until symptoms have improved & are free of fever for at least 24 hrs (without fever reducing medication) & submit & a negative test before returning.

### COVID EXPOSURE – Please inform us immediately.

#### If student tests positive;

Student has a mandatory ISOLATION for 5 days.

Student may return to school ONLY on the 6<sup>th</sup> day if the test is negative, has no symptoms or a fever. Submit proof of negative test to the school office before entry. Mask is required for 5 days following return.

#### If there is ANY exposure at home or at school;

Test on the 1<sup>st</sup> day. Submit test to school office. If test is negative, no symptoms & no fever, quarantine is not required, student may continue to attend school. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day, student must test again send proof of negative test to the school office.

Student must wear a mask for 10 days following exposure.

### MASKS WILL NO LONGER BE MANDATED INDOORS

We have decided to lift the mask mandate indoors beginning Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Masks are still highly recommended by the CDC as well as LA County Department of Public Health in indoor settings, therefore, it is up to each family to decide if their child should wear a mask at school or not. If you would like your child to keep the mask on indoors, please DOJO the teacher so she can make sure to implement it. Masks will be stored in little personal bags at school

### LUNCHES/SNACKS

Please send lunches in Lunch boxes. Snacks may be brought from home; school will provide snacks as well. We have a catering service that parents can sign up for on an a la carte menu; lunches & snacks are delivered daily. Sharing food is not allowed. Ice packs may also be placed inside lunch boxes to keep food cold.

### DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLES

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

### TRAVEL

According to the CDC recommended guidelines, all families returning from vacation from any other state or another country must complete a 5 day mandatory quarantine period. Three days after arrival, if a Covid19 test is conducted and it is a negative result, & no symptoms are present, student may return to school on the 5<sup>th</sup> day.

We ask that everyone, please comply with this guideline so that all of us at Oneonta can remain healthy. Thank you for your cooperation!

# Happiness is our culture

## CLASSROOMS

Children will remain mainly with their own group all day. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to maintain social distancing; desks, tables, chairs and designated squares on carpets display children's names. Nap mats have children's names & will be placed further apart (head to toe) at naptime & will be sanitized daily.

## OUTDOOR RECESS

Each class will have outdoor recess time of 30 - 45 minutes daily. Children may remove their masks outdoors. Outdoor toys will be disinfected after each group uses the play ground.

## PICK UP PROCEDURE

School is over at 3:00 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier as we will not release children before 3:00 p.m. Use the **same entrance for pick up** after school as you did in the morning. Adults must stay on social distancing spots & await turn before walking up to gate. Staff member at gate will use Walkie Talkies to gather & send children out to meet parents. If there is no staff member on duty Preschool & TK parents must buzz the office. Please make sure to notify the office if anyone, other than those on the Emergency Pick up form, arrives to pick up your child. They must have an ID with them.

## PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE !

### SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M. SHARP

We ask that all our students be in school by 9:00 a.m. the latest. A teacher will be at the main gate from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. to welcome children. Our Montessori program is jam packed with activities that have been scheduled to start on time. Please make sure that children are in school and inside their classrooms by 9:00 a.m., set & ready to begin the day. Thank You!

## DAY CARE HOURS

To limit time on campus, our daycare hours were 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 wash hands many times during the school day. They will have supervised hand washing before/ after meals & before/ after recess.

## HAND SANITIZER STATIONS

Numerous stations have been installed all around the school; classroom entrances, hallways and under patios. Children are able to use hand sanitizer whenever they pass these stations.

## MATERIALS AND TOYS

All materials and toys used during the school day will be sprayed with disinfectant at the end of each day. Personal pencil boxes with classroom essentials such as pencils, markers, crayons etc will be given to each child.

## 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.

## VISITORS NOT ALLOWED

We ask that everyone please understand that Covid 19 is once again on the rise in LA County, therefore, limiting the number of people inside our campus will help us keep our students & staff healthy. Parents will continue to drop off their children at the gates. Teachers will sign children in and out of school.

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Children as young as 6 months – 5 years are now eligible for the vaccine. We encourage everyone to please get their young children vaccinated to eliminate the risk of them getting very sick. We urge parents and caregivers with questions to talk to their doctors, nurses and pharmacists to learn more about the benefits of vaccinations and their importance.

# Welcome to Oneonta