



# Oneonta Montessori School

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

### SAFETY PROTOCOLS

#### TK-6th Grade



#### **DROP OFF PROCEDURE**

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

- \* Use upper parking lot.
- \* Parents may walk children to the gate.
- \* Students walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.

**Preschool 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**

- \* **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.

**Pls do not leave 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 5 days until symptoms have improved & are free of fever for at least 24 hrs without fever reducing medication and a negative test before returning to school.

#### **PICK UP PROCEDURE**

Adults must 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 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 & the advice given to use by professionals in the field. We will continue to do so this year.*

#### **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 class group all day. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to ensure space between students.

## **OUTDOOR RECESS**

Each class will have outdoor time during recess, lunch & daycare.

## **LOCKERS**

Each student will be assigned a personal locker. Backpacks are mandatory for all students; TK - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. All items brought to school must fit inside backpacks and stored inside own locker.

## **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**

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.

## **PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!**

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

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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **CELL PHONES**

Students are not required to bring cell phones to school. If they do, they must be stored away in their backpacks inside their lockers. Students are not allowed to have cell phones on their person at anytime during the school day.

# Welcome to Oneonta