

Chapel Preschool Safety Policy

Secure Preschool Space - Chapel Preschool is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff. Once drop-off is complete, all doors to the preschool space will be locked for the entire school day.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up – Chapel Preschool offers two options for drop-off and pick-up. 1) Parents come into the building. 2) Parents can remain in their vehicle and use the curbside option. A detailed description of each option and safe drop-off and pick-up procedures will be communicated at Parent Orientation.

Preschool Teachers and Chapel Staff – All employees of The Chapel are thoroughly vetted and put through an extensive background check.

Illness – If a child is not feeling well, has a fever, cough, runny nose, other illness symptoms, or contagious virus/disease (e.g. head lice, rash, chicken pox, etc.) we ask that the child not come to school until the child is symptom free for 24 hours. In the event a student becomes sick during the school day their Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up them up.

Bathroom – No Chapel Preschool staff member will be alone in a bathroom with a student. If a student requires assistance with straightening or fastening of garments, this will be done in the presence of two teachers in an observable area. If a student has an ‘accident’, assistance with their change of clothing will be provided in the presence of two teachers/Chapel Preschool Staff.

Ratios – Specific ratios, recommended by New York State, for each age grouping of children will be followed. Two teachers are required in each space when caring for children.

Emergency Alert – Our Preschool remains a safe environment and security is a top priority. In the event of evacuation or lock down within the building please note that children cannot be released to parents until the Preschool Director is given the clearance to do so by Chapel leadership or Emergency Personnel.

Mandatory Reporters – The Chapel Preschool Teachers are designated as mandatory reporters and are legally obligated to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. This responsibility is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of the children in our care.

Crisis Services – If you or a family member are experiencing a crisis, you can visit <http://www.211wny.org/resources/helplines-hotlines/> for resources and hotlines.