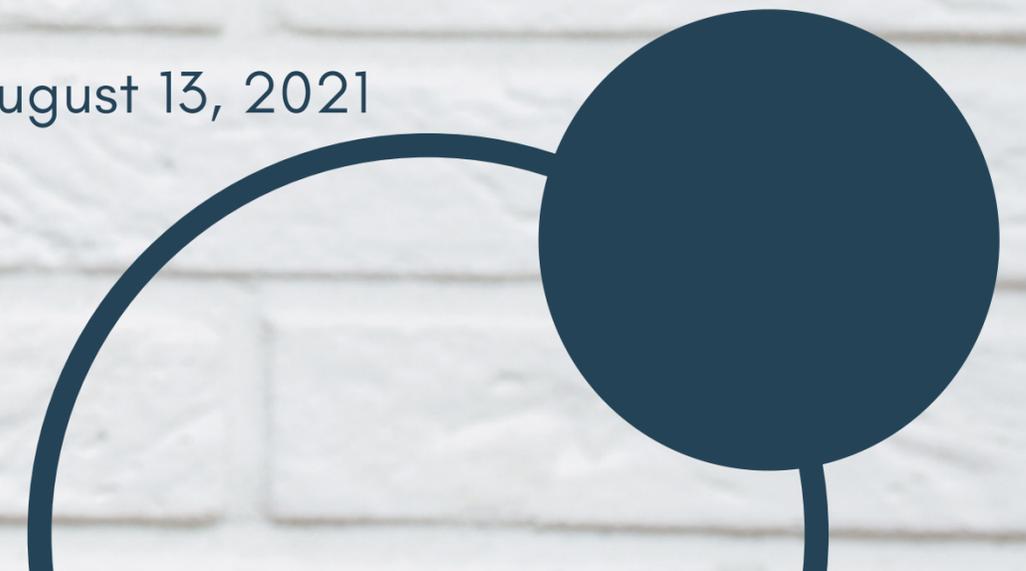


BAMBINICREATIVI 2021-2022



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Updated August 13, 2021



INTRODUCTION

PLANNING FOR A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR



We are eager and excited to welcome our amici to the 2021-2022 school year. All students will be able to return to school this fall as scheduled. While we await final mandates from Missouri State and Kansas City authorities, we have compiled our current plans based on information gathered from both education and health experts during this time. We have adopted best practices from local and national health professionals and organizations, other IB World schools, and private independent schools in the local area to ensure the safe return of our students and school community. We have an extensive series of protocols and plans in place so that we are ready to:

- Safely welcome families back to school on September 7th, 2021.
- Adhere to local and state virus prevention guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff.
- Institute best practices implemented by IB World Schools in our global network, which has prepared for and executed successful re-openings in other places in the world.
- Continue students' learning journey without disruption during this time of uncertainty.
- Respond immediately to any and all potential pandemic scenarios and restrictions that may arise.
- Present and outline our protocols so that your family is prepared to return to school, and your children are ready to safely enjoy their peers and learning.

**Please note that this document will be revised as information continues to be updated.

**"Alone, we can do so little; together,
we can do so much."**

- HELEN KELLER

ESSENTIAL PLANNING INFORMATION



To welcome students back to school safely, we are making several modifications to ensure we are prepared to assist students, teachers and staff, as we all embrace new requirements. We will be welcoming students back to the first day of school on September 7th, 2021.

Early Years and Elementary students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms during our *Blessing of the School & Meet your Teacher Event* on September 3rd from 10-12pm. Teachers will explain to the parents and students new classroom procedures and how the learning environment will operate differently for the school year.

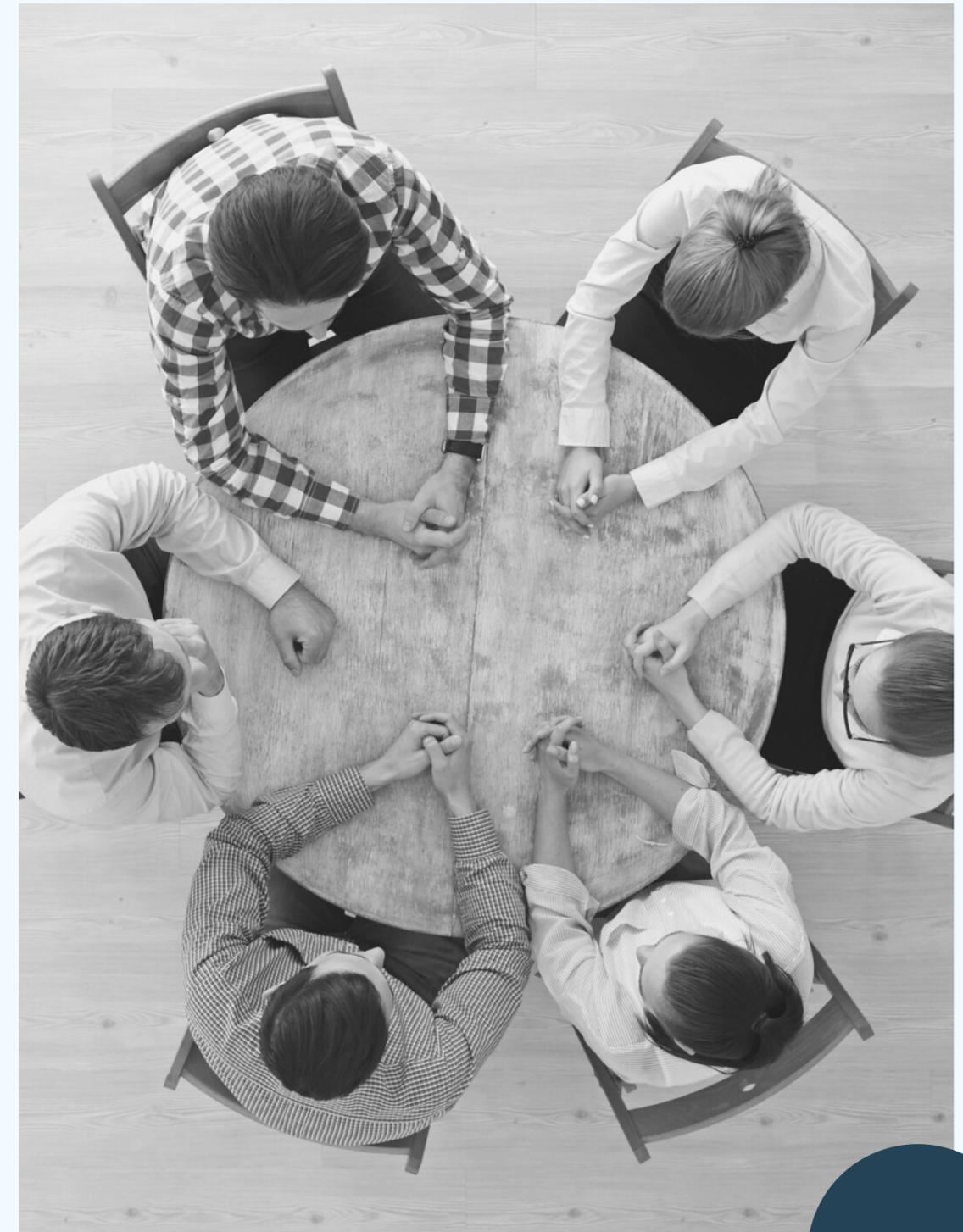
Teachers will be communicating to all families by sending out a welcome letter and any additional and updated information regarding classroom procedures before the start of the school year.

All community members traveling back from overseas or domestic "hot-spot" states must return to Missouri and Kansas in time to meet the 14-day quarantine requirement prior to the start of school, per CDC recommendations and guidelines. Please mark your calendar for your child(ren)'s first day of school so you can plan accordingly.

ACTIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY

COVID-19 TASK FORCE

We have formed a COVID-19 Task Force that has been gathering information from schools both local and global educational institutions, keeping up to date with the latest research pertaining to COVID-19, reaching out to medical professionals in the field, and relying heavily on the recommendations of the CDC and other national and local health authorities. The COVID-19 Task Force has worked diligently to implement the health and safety policies and procedures of our Summer Care program, while navigating and outlining future plans for safely returning to school. The COVID-19 Task Force will be working together throughout the school year as information and scenarios concerning the pandemic change and information is updated.



DAILY SCREENING AND PROTOCOLS

The health of our community is counting on you and all of our families, to partner with us, so that we are all responsible for keeping our community safe and healthy this school year. Everyone, including teachers, staff, and students, will be randomly scanned for temperature by thermal touchless thermometers throughout the day. Teachers and staff will be required to put on their protective face covering when entering the school building. We are suggesting that our families, team members, and students refer to the symptom checker tool by visiting hopkinsmedicine.org- Coronavirus (COVID-19) "Self-Checker". This resource is here to help you monitor your daily health prior to arriving at school. We recommend all members of our school community to utilize the "Self-Checker" online tool to help reduce the spread of illness.



EXCLUSION PROTOCOL

- We ask our school community to use HopkinsMedicine.org- Coronavirus (COVID-19) "Self-Checker" to screen your family's health prior to coming to school. This application and website will advise whether you are required to seek immediate medical care, or are at low-risk and continue to implement healthy habits.
- Students will be immediately sent home and not allowed to enter the building if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, and/or display two or more signs or symptoms of illness.
- Students, teachers, and staff who fall ill during the school day, or who have an elevated temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, will be immediately removed from the student group and community, and their health will be monitored in an isolated space. The child or staff member's temperature will be checked every 15 minutes. If the child's temperature would exceed 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit the parents will be notified immediately for pickup. If a staff member's temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit they will be required to leave.
- Students, teachers, and staff who have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher need to be fever free without fever reducing medication for 72 hours.
- Students, teachers, and staff will be required to have a medical doctor's note clearing them to return to school.

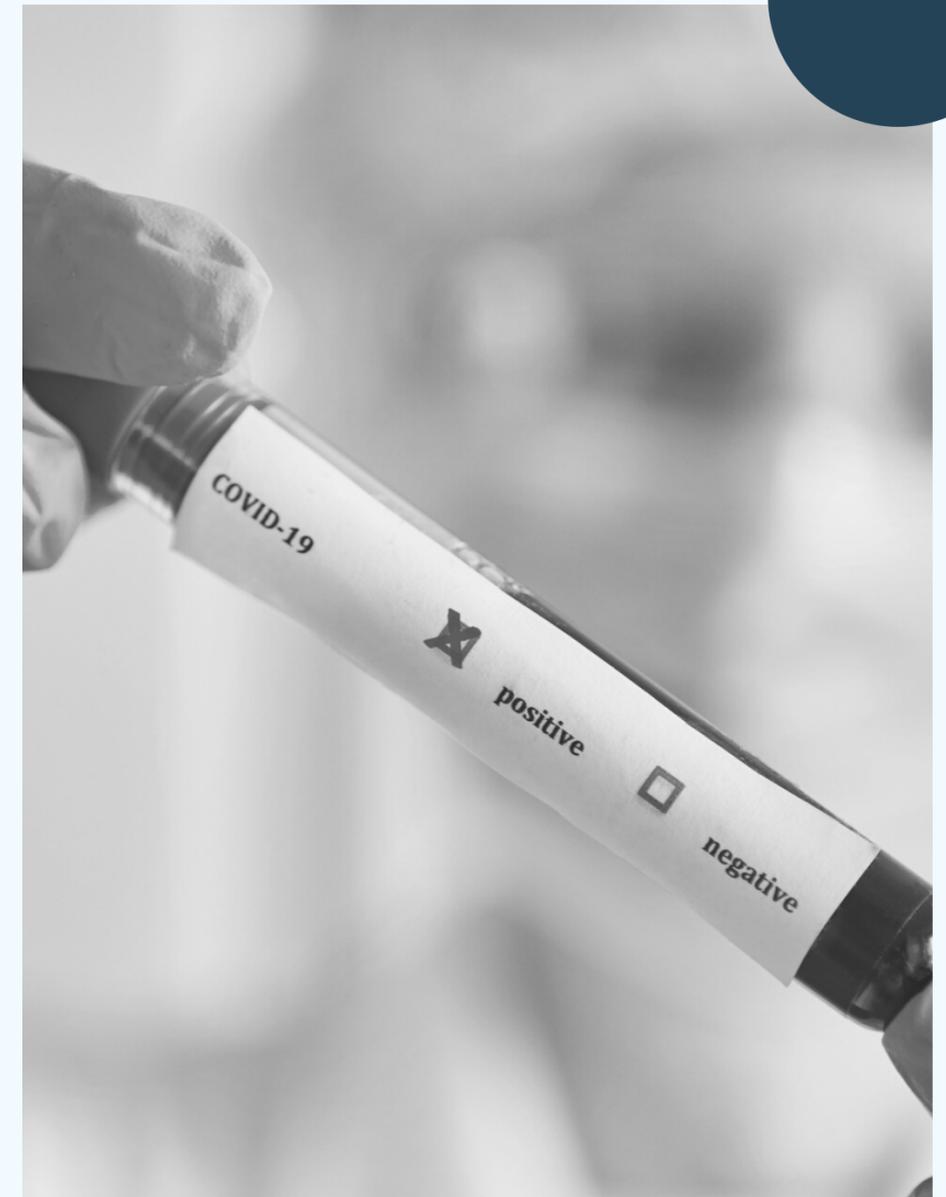


DISPLAYING SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

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- Students, teachers, and staff upon entry to the school will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 such as: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, or loss of smell and taste.
- Students, teachers, and staff will be immediately sent home and not allowed to enter the building if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, and/or display additional signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Students, teachers, and staff who fall ill during the school day, or who have an elevated temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and/or display additional signs or symptoms of COVID-19, will be immediately be removed from the student group and community, and their health will be monitored in an isolated space. The child or staff member's temperature will be checked every 15 minutes, and their symptoms will be monitored. If the child's temperature would exceed 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or if their symptoms persist, the parents will be notified immediately for pickup (within the hour). If a staff member's temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit they will be required to leave.
- Students, teachers, and staff who have been sent home with a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher need to be fever free without fever reducing medication for 72 hours. Students, teachers, and staff may be asked to have a medical doctor's note, or COVID-19 test results clearing them to return to school.
- The office will remain in contact with the student's family or the faculty/staff member, and further communication will be provided as necessary.

DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19

- Students, teachers, and staff members who are diagnosed with COVID-19, or who are waiting for test results, must quarantine at home.
- If a student, parent, teacher, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they are expected to notify the classroom teacher and Head of School. Bambini Creativi will consult with our local health department for communication and response plans.
- Classroom spaces or areas of the school that may have been exposed will be decontaminated in a timely manner.
- The office will remain in contact with the student's family or the faculty/staff member, and further communication will be provided as necessary.
- Students, teachers, or staff may return to school or work following a negative test result, or 10 days after a positive test result and symptom, and are fever-free for 72 hours (without fever reducing medicine). A medical doctor's note may be required.



EXPOSURE TO A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19

- In the event of exposure, the student, teacher or staff member will be required to notify the classroom teacher and Head of School right away.
- Consult with a medical professional.
- Students may be asked to quarantine if they have been in close contact with someone they suspect may have COVID-19, someone who has tested positive with COVID-19, or who has recently traveled domestically or internationally to an identified "hot-spot" zone.
- If a student becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19, they will have to be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days, or until given clearance to return to school by a medical doctor.
- If your child has been in close contact (less than 6 feet away for a minimum of 15 minutes) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we may be required to notify those who were potentially exposed. All notices will adhere to our privacy policy and will not release any child's name.



FACILITY SAFETY

AIR QUALITY AND VENTILATION

We have conducting a thorough review of our buildings Air and HVAC Systems. We hired an expert to review all locations and provide suggestions for where and how to improve air filtration and ventilation with COVID-19 in mind. This summer, we installed UV Air Duct Disinfection Systems on all of our main HVAC units. While a UV filter will not remove particle matter, it can eliminate germs, bacteria, and viruses. As microorganisms in the air pass through the filter and coils, UV rays will kill them. This technology will be used in conjunction with HEPA- activated carbon filters to successfully filter out particle matter and ensure our air is clean and safe to breathe.

WATER FOUNTAIN

Drinking fountains will be closed, and staff and students will be encouraged to bring their own labeled water bottles to be filled up and minimize the use and touching of water fountains.



OPENAIR CLASSROOMS

Our 1.5 acres nature play yard offers plenty of space for our students to socially-distance and play outdoors while getting fresh air. Students and teachers will also be encouraged to dine or work outside in outdoor classrooms setup on our hardtop area while maintaining all social-distancing requirements.

SCHOOL LAYOUT AND DESIGN

Bambini Creativi's physical building space has unique safety features that help reduce the exposure and spread illness. Each classroom has multiple entrances and exists, as well as their own pathways for going outside. In addition, each classroom has their own designated bathroom facilities.

SHARED OBJECTS

Early Year's students will have their own personal belongings bin in a designated cubby spot that will be labeled with each child's name. Students are encouraged to limit items brought from home; personal belongings must be sealed in a bag with the child's name.

Elementary students will have their own *transito* (backpack) for personal belongings, and their own personal container with all the necessary school supplies to reduce sharing and the spreading of germs.



FACILITY CLEANING MEASURES

In addition to meeting local and state mandates, we are preparing to implement the following cleaning procedures in our school facility:

- have an ample supply of school related PPE
- a janitorial staff member who will be frequently cleaning high touch-points, common areas, and restrooms throughout the school day
- antibacterial and disinfectant cleaning products
- touchless hand soap and hand sanitizer dispensers, and additional automatic hand dryers
- cleaning checklists and record logs for spaces throughout the school to be cleaned multiple times during daily transitions
- compression sprayers for each classroom for quick and efficient dispersion of disinfectant cleaners
- if necessary, decontamination of the school environment will be performed by professional contracted cleaners
- rugs and soft porous materials will be removed from the learning environment and classroom spaces
- The school has several UV Light Sanitizer wands for portable disinfecting
- installation of signage outlining social distancing parameters and hygiene requirements, including frequent handwashing



PERSONAL SAFETY



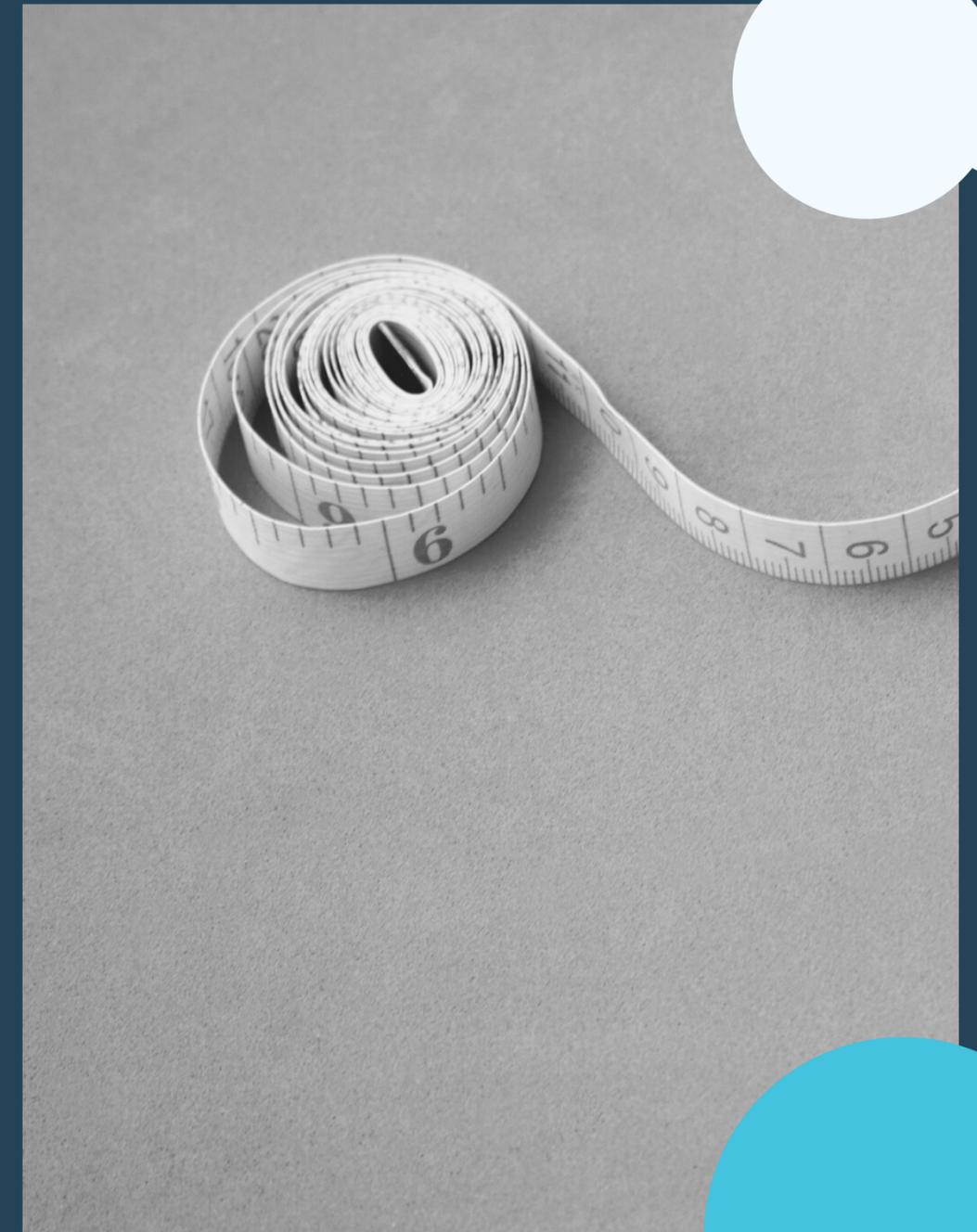
HYGIENE AND HANDWASHING

Hand hygiene is an important part of the U.S. response to the international emergence of COVID-19. Practicing handwashing hygiene, which includes the use of hand soap and alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR), is a simple yet effective way to prevent the spread of pathogens and infections in schools. Students and staff will practice frequent handwashing throughout the school day, and before and after transitions. Hand sanitizer stations will be stationed throughout the school, especially near high-traffic and high-touch point areas. Hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when visibly soiled, before eating, after using the restroom, and before and after transitions during the school day. Staff will frequently discuss and encourage students to implement good hygiene practices by catching their coughs and sneezes in a tissue, properly washing hands for 20 seconds, and avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth, etc.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We will be taking several measures to limit close face-to-face contact and encourage physical distancing throughout our school when possible. We understand that social distancing, 6 feet or more away from others, is one of the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing is a difficult concept and expectation for children to adhere to, but we will have several measures in place to help our students, such as:

- There will be planned walking routes and procedures for students to safely move throughout our school and wait in line while social distancing
- Students will have assigned seats in the classroom and will be spaced out to work in small cohort groupings and socially distanced from other groups
- Morning drop-off will include one entrance for olders and youngers, and families will need to maintain social distancing. We asked that parents drop-off at the door unless their child needs help getting into the classroom. All adults are required to wear a mask if entering our school building.
- Students will be spaced out and have assigned seats during meal times (the Piazza will have additional tables and chairs)
- Students and teachers will be encouraged to work outside in the nature play yard as much as possible



FACE COVERINGS

We continue to make our decisions based on what we believe honors our promise to our students and their overall emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual health and development. As such, we also have to balance public safety and health, legal obligations and freedoms, and respecting what is important to our community. The current local government order requires all students over the age of 5 years old to wear masks indoors. The mandate also expresses an exemption for *“Persons who have disabilities where masks constitute a substantial impairment to their health and well-being based upon medical, behavioral, or legal direction.”* If this applies to your child, you will need to provide the school with medical documentation. Additionally, the choice of vaccination is best made in consultation with your own physician and is a private matter. All teachers and staff members will be required to wear face coverings. Teachers and students will be trained on how to properly put on, wear, and remove face coverings. Teachers will be allowed to lower their masks when they are outside and following social distancing guidelines of more than 6 feet from students and teachers. Teachers are also permitted to remove their masks while on lunch break and socially-distanced from others in a designated break room to eat and drink. Any teacher or staff member who is working closely with symptomatic children must wear medical grade masks, eye protections, and gloves to ensure that the staff members are protected.



ENSURING OUR SAFETY

SCHOOL VISITORS

To ensure the safety of our school community we will take action to minimize exposure inside of the school. With the exception of supporting our early years students in the separation process, parents and visitors will not be allowed in the school unless approved in advance by the Head of School. Parents and Caregivers will not be allowed in the school for morning drop-off and carpool pickup. Tours and visitors will be scheduled during after school hours and will be required to follow Bambini Creativi's health and safety protocols.

SCHOOL EVENTS

At Bambini Creativi, our Pedagogical Leadership Team desires to maintain as many school, family, and amici celebrations and events as possible. When keeping in mind the safety of our students, teachers, and families, we understand the need to be flexible in identifying modifications or unique ways to celebrate these events. We ask that your family adhere to any safety measures communicated by the Bambini Creativi faculty. We want to ensure a healthy community for everyone and a successful school year.



ACTIONS TO ENSURE SCHOOL SAFETY

IMPACT ON OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY

The return to school will come with its challenges, as social distancing does not come naturally to most people, especially children. Temperature protocols will be randomly conducted throughout the day which will require time and diligence. As we navigate these changes we want to emphasize that we understand the early years is a time that children are learning expression, empathy and how to process and interpret human emotion. This is an integral part of social-emotional development and we plan to navigate this by considering health and safety, as well as implementing a best practice approach. We anticipate a necessary adjustment period, of course, and we will work to support our students and each other to achieve a successful transition and return to school life.



ENVIRONMENT SAFETY

MODIFICATIONS TO THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Classrooms and atelier spaces are being restructured to spread out seating and play spaces. Because of our classroom sizes and student numbers, Bambini Creativi's learning spaces are sufficient and follow the 6 feet social distancing requirement. Tables will be spaced 6 feet apart. Students will have assigned learning spaces in their classroom, as well as their own everyday school supply bin to reduce touch-points and cross contamination. Student's personal belongings and learning spaces will be clearly labeled with their name and/or picture. Student personal school supplies and learning spaces will be frequently sanitized and disinfected throughout the day.



GROUPINGS AND CLASSROOM SAFETY

Students will be organized into small groups within the classroom space. Students will stay within their classroom cohort groupings for the duration of the day to minimize exposure to other classes. With the use of collaborative technologies, students will have the opportunities to work together on projects without increasing the spread of illness.

CLASSROOM SAFETY & PPE

Every classroom will be equipped with a First-aid kit, touchless thermometer, disposable masks and gloves, and sanitizing supplies to assist with maintaining high levels of safety throughout the day.





ROUTINES AND STRATEGIES

Students will wash hands frequently throughout their school day including before and after transition times. We will also have hand sanitizing stations at each entrance of the school, throughout the building and in each classroom available for student and teacher use. Health and safety posters will be posted throughout the classrooms and school with, visual supports, to help students learn and remember new safety procedures. We will integrate the practice of these procedures into our daily routines so that the students become fluent with various safety strategies. Transitions throughout the school will be scheduled and staggered in order to reduce exposure. The use of communal spaces will be structured with time in between each use to allow the area to be properly cleaned and disinfecting.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL ROUTINES

Drop-Off (8:30-8:45am):

- Early Years students (Piccolo, Medio, and Grande) & Elementary students (Curiosi & Creativi) will enter at the Main Entrance door.
- Please, walk your child up to the door and wait behind the cones that help maintain 6 feet of social distancing requirements.

Pick-Up (3:15-3:30pm):

- Please follow the carpool lane flow of traffic.
- Your child will be walked to your car in the carpool line by a Bambini Creativi teacher.
- Please be patient as we learn new cars, new families, and new faces. Teachers may ask for you to lower your masks (while you are inside your car) to confirm identification. This process may take longer in the beginning, but will soon run smoothly as we all get used to new routines.

*Please drive with caution in our parking lot and carpool pick-up to ensure the safety of all!



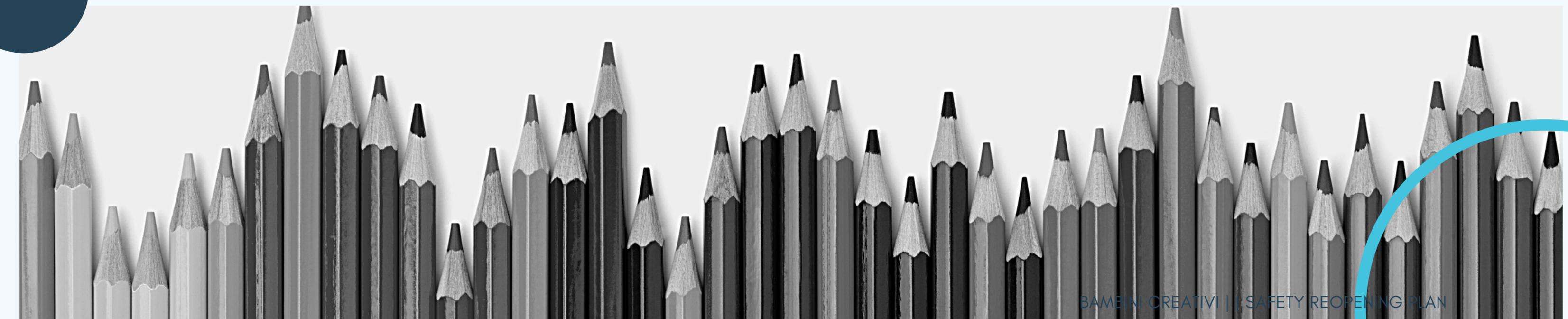
HEALTHY LIVING MEALS & SNACKS

Lunch will be prepared by our Healthy Living Specialist in our secure and sanitized kitchen, and will be served to the students on their individual plates. There will be no “family style” meals. As per our usual dining room rules, students will not be allowed to share food or snacks during the school day. Students will wash their hands before and after meal times. Snacks will continue to be offered during the morning and afternoon time. Teachers will distribute snacks and lunch to the students who will be seated according to social distancing guidelines. Our lunch times will be staggered and the dining room will be fully cleaned and disinfected between snacks and lunch shifts. Our Bambini Creativi dining room has plenty of space to accommodate and abide by social distancing standards.



ATELIER ART & SPANISH SPECIALS

Specials are a valued part of our educational program and we want to continue to practice these programs while keeping our students and learning community safe. The atelier tables and chairs, and the atelier materials will be sanitized in between each classroom's visit and specials time. We will do our best to provide the variety of opportunities that our students love, while utilizing creativity and resourcefulness.



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT SPECIALS

We are anticipating the need to change plans for the Music and Movement Specials on Fridays. Music and Movement Specials normally take place on Fridays in two separate 30 minute sessions. To reduce exposure and limit the contact students have with adults, we will be asking our specialists and classroom teachers to support the integration of movement and music into their weekly schedules. We will be utilizing our nature play yard and hard top area to facilitate music and movement activities. We will do our best to provide music and movement opportunities that are safe and that our students love. We will continue to be creative and resourceful throughout the school year, and will make modifications as needed.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

CONTINUITY E-LEARNING

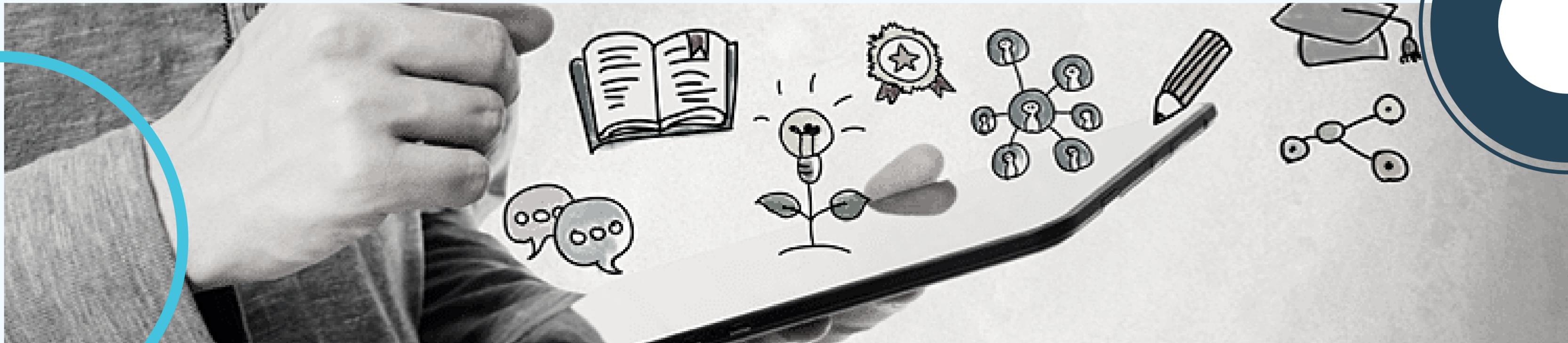
Continuity E-Learning is the experience students will have when school remains in session, but when students are not allowed to physically attend school because of an unforeseen school closure event, like the (COVID-19) Pandemic. While Continuity E-Learning does embody the lessons and activities of onsite learning, our teachers can deliver synchronous and asynchronous instruction and meaningful learning experiences that allow students to meet expected standards in an online environment. Bambini Creativi's Continuity E-Learning experience remains in alignment with our core values and principles for learning and teaching. Our students will continue to be empowered to participate in how they reach learning goals. Students will engage in digital collaboration to solve problems, and feel safe to take intellectual and social risks. Our student body will be supported with differentiated learning, offered specific feedback, and have opportunities for reflection and revision of work. The success of our Continuity E-Learning program is achieved by the planning of our dedicated educational team, the engagement and motivation of our students, and the strong parent and community support for this new mode of online learning.



DISTANCE LEARNING

Bambini Creativi will also have the option of Distance Learning for families who do not prefer in-person learning for their child. The teacher will provide weekly curriculum and resources for your child to have access to daily assignments. In Distance Learning, your child will be able to upload work to Brightwheel, receive feedback, and be assessed for the assignments or activities they completed. The students who participate in the Distance Learning program are encouraged to comment on other students' work, and upload work to the classroom blog each day. Our Distance Learning program is different from our E-Learning program in the following ways:

- The Distance Learning program is a choice that families can make while Bambini Creativi resumes in-person learning.
- The Distance Learning program will not include Synchronous learning (or zoom sessions) because the teachers will be in session at school during that time.



IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER CITY SHUT DOWN



Bambini Creativi's plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to be in-person at school, we will only be transitioning to an E-Learning Plan if we are mandated by our local government to do so. We are committed to keeping our Bambini Creativi community safe, together, and physically in school. However, it's impossible to predict exactly what will happen during these uncertain times. Our teaching team is continuing to review the curriculum, enhance our online learning toolkit, and undertake further professional development to ensure best practices and for all possible scenarios. We are fortunate to have Bambini Creativi's Continuity E-Learning Plan and Program as an option for our students in the case of an emergency or mandated shut down. If your family is in need of an alternative educational plan due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the Head of School as soon as possible. Bambini Creativi's plan is to remain in-person and physically in school unless otherwise mandated by our local government.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS



Committed school members (those who signed the Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year and paid the Tuition Deposit) are fully committed to your contract and agree to the terms of the contract. In the event of any failure or delay in School operations resulting from causes beyond the School's reasonable control and occurring without its fault or negligence, including without limitation force majeure events (defined as Acts of God, fire, flood, natural disaster, inclement weather, pandemic or public health emergency, power outage, government or government agency restrictions, order, regulations, law, war or similar action, acts of terrorism, insurrections, riots or civil commotions, labor disturbance, or other similar causes beyond the reasonable control of the School), tuition obligations will continue and the School will not be liable for any such failure or delay in its performance. The School schedule may be extended for a period of time equal to the time lost due to any delay so caused and/or classes may be scheduled, at the School's discretion.

The School does not promise or guarantee any particular program, mode of delivery, employee, or student enrollment level. The School retains the right to change the School's program, curriculum, mode of delivery, or workforce in its discretion. Refunds will not be provided because of such changes.

FAQ

- **Will aftercare and Dopo Scuola (after school clubs) still be offered?**

- Aftercare will still be offered to families who wish to enroll, we will limit the size of the aftercare group to ensure social distancing is possible. The students will be going outside, weather permitting, to utilize our extensive play yard and open air.
- DOPO SCUOLA- Monthly Afterschool clubs will be offered in person and our teachers will be planning fun, interactive activities for students to engage in one day each month. More information will be coming out about afterschool clubs as we near the start of the year.

- **Will the academic calendar be modified?**

- The dates on the academic calendar will remain the same, however, the events may be modified as needed.
- TIFO parent leadership meetings are usually in-person, however, we may be required to conduct our meetings virtually online.

CONTACT US

To receive the latest information on updates to the Safety Re-opening Plan please visit the Bambini Creativi website and click on our Covid-19 tab.

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