

Dear Lakeside Presbyterian Nursery School Families,

**Some important changes to note:**

**Hours and Days of Operation:** The school day will run from 8:30-11:30 T, W, Th and 12:30-3 T and W. This is a return to our normal operating hours. Lunch will be offered to the class with all day students in attendance. After the start of the school year interest in lunch will be assessed for the other classroom and may be offered. Tuition will be \$215 per four week period for mornings, \$120 for afternoons, and \$335 (plus lunch) for the combined program.

**Pick up, Drop Off and Daily Temperature Screening:** There will be daily temperature checks at the start of each day prior to children entering the building. The teacher will then walk children to their classrooms. Teachers will bring the class outdoors for dismissal.

**Class Rotation:** Students will be assigned a pod and teacher and spend each day in a different classroom, rotating only to go outside. For example, a student assigned to Mrs. McIntosh class will be in the Yellow Room on Tuesday, the Blue Room on Wednesday, and the Red Room on Thursday. The Red Room will be used on a rotating basis by each class once a week and in case of inclement weather. Each room will have a mix of activities such as sensory, art, centers and fine and gross motor activities.

**LPNS Closure:** The LPNS board will meet to discuss closure if an ISD 709 elementary school on the east side of town closes.

**Masks:** All adults and children over 3 will wear masks when inside and not eating. Please provide children with at least two clean masks each session.

**Volunteers and Public School Staff:** Parent volunteers will be allowed in the classroom. Volunteers will need to be masked and have a screening process. Look for opportunities from your child's teacher as the school year gets underway.

**Protocol for COVID19 cases affecting our students and families:** LPNS will follow the most recent version of the MN Decision Tree for People in School, Youth, and Child Care Programs. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

**Testing Guidance:** The St. Louis County Public Health Nurse Liaison sent an email suggesting regular testing for students. At this time LPNS does not have a policy regarding testing and no plans to make one. However, we would like you to be aware of the guidance so you can make your own choice regarding regular testing.

**Payment of Tuition:** Tuition will be \$215 per four week period for mornings, \$120 for afternoons, and \$335 (plus lunch) for the combined program. Please pay tuition on a monthly basis; refunds will not be given. The \$200 early withdrawal fee will be waived.

We appreciate your flexibility as we work through mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022. The teachers, parents on the board, and church leadership have worked hard on these policies and strategies to try to keep everyone as safe as possible while keeping in mind the wellbeing of our children and the long term success of the program. At this time we feel we have done our best to balance all these needs, and are very much looking forward to the start of the school year.

Our hope is that despite the pandemic, our children will have an enjoyable year of fun and growth at LPNS.

Thank you,  
LPNS Board and Teachers