

## **Nursery Handbook for Parents**

We are excited to be able to minister to you and your family as you use the nursery! At Sunnyside Christian Reformed Church we offer nursery for children starting as early as you're comfortable up to children who are 2 years and 12 months (once a child turns 3 they should be able to join Children in Worship)

### What to Bring:

- Please feel free to bring a diaper bag labeled with your child's name
- Extra Diapers
- Made up bottles or sippy cups labeled with the child's name
- Change of clothes, especially for potty training toddlers
- Pacifier (labeled or clipped on, please)
- NO medication will be given to any child in the nursery
  - Except where parent consent is given through written permission on the registration form AND only for emergency situations, for example, where an epi pen is needed for allergies

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS TO PREVENT ITEMS BEING LOST, MISPLACED OR HANDLED BY ANOTHER CHILD ACCIDENTALLY.

### Checking IN & OUT:

- Every child needs to be signed in on the check in sheet
- Please provide a contact number that we can reach you if needed
- Please use the "Notes" section for any of the following information:
  - Phone number for when your child needs a diaper change
  - Any and ALL allergies
  - Bottle feeding instructions
  - Preference on whether you would like your child be stay inside verses playing outside
- Please note that we will only be releasing children to an adult. We want to insure that all children are cared for properly and we will not release nursery children to older siblings.
- Please attempt to pick up your child as close to dismissal as possible

### **Healthy Children Policy**

In order to insure a safe and healthy environment for your children and our nursery volunteers, please do not bring your child to nursery if he/she has had any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours:

- Diarrhea, illness, food or medication induced
- Vomiting
- Fever (100 or above)
- Undiagnosed rash
- Open sores
- Runny nose (anything but "clear")
- Discharge in and around the eye(s)
- Head Lice
- Constant/Regular coughing or Croup

#### **COVID-19 Guidelines**

- Children will have a "health check" (which includes questions about symptoms and a forehead temperature reading) upon entry.
- All volunteer attendants, as well as any parent who chooses to remain in the nursery with their child, will be asked to wear a face shield (disposable face shields will be provided).

#### **Infectious Disease Outbreaks**

When there is a potential outbreak of infectious disease the SCRC nursery committee will notify ALL parents of the outbreak so that each family can make the best decision on whether or not they feel comfortable in attending and using our nursery.

Further, should there be an obvious infectious disease present in a child during nursery volunteers should follow the listed protocol:

- Isolation -- Isolate a child who is demonstrating symptoms of contagious childhood disease and contact the child's parent to pick him or her up. If a child develops an infectious disease at home, after they have been in the nursery, we request that you notify the nursery committee.
- Notification -- If we are made aware of a potentially infectious disease at our facility, we will notify parents of children who may have been exposed so they can monitor their child's health.
- Exclusion -- To protect children who are not immunized, we will consider excluding non-immunized children and unvaccinated workers from the nursery during a contagious disease outbreak. This would be done via notification to ALL parents, as we do not require verification of vaccination to attend nursery.

# **Clean Toy & Nursery Policy**

- The nursery is cleaned on a regular basis to ensure that our children are in the healthiest environment possible. During the cold and flu season, the nursery is cleaned deeply every month. All hard surfaces are cleaned with a disinfectant and all washable items are sent through a high-heat clean
- During summer months, the nursery is deep cleaned about every 6-8 weeks
- Carpets are cleaned once a month