



New Changes and Updates to Kids @ The Brook Kids

RETURN FOCUS

- **Consistent Gatherings**
 - Our goal is to have kids and families return to in-person worship to grow closer to Christ, through fellowship and relationships build upon God's word, in addition to the online services.
- **Worship and Learning**
 - We want to keep worship and learning in our hearts all throughout the week not just on Sundays. We will be making sure that parents are equipped to lead and teach their children even when not on campus.
- **Safety and Cleanliness**
 - Cleanliness is next to Godliness, as the old saying goes. Kids will be washing hands, using hand sanitizer, social distancing and staying in their class groups for lessons and activities.
- **Serving Opportunities**
 - Kids now have more opportunities to serve than just on Sundays. We are continuing our online services; therefore we need fresh faces to help be on mission and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

RETURN SAFETY

Overall Changes for All Volunteers

- All Volunteers must wear a mask. An optional addition would be to wear a face shields for anyone who would like to wear one in addition to a mask. Face shields will come at no cost to the volunteers.
- The same goes for gloves, they are available in different sizes to all volunteers. Gloves are optional.
- After lessons and kids leave each volunteer will need to clean and sanitize their group area. That will include wiping down the tables, chairs, place mats and play stations. In addition to the group area, the doorknobs/push bars, counter tops and sink handles and knobs.
- Here is where we feel a little normal. We have worship, video and main lesson.
- Seats are set up for family to sit next to each other but not friends to sit next to each other. We are keeping the same practice as in the main auditorium.
- Children will not be forced to wear a mask 3rd grade and lower, but they are recommended especially if the children are going to school in person. 4th grade and older are required to wear a mask along with students who are borrowing the Pre-Teen Room.

- **K-4th Grade Changes – (In addition to all volunteer changes)**
- When weather permits, the check-in station will be located outside the kids building with only one entrance and one exit.
- A family will have the opportunity to check-in for main service and kids ministry at the same time, along with printing security tags and signing the kids information on the clip board.
- Parents will drop off at the front doors of the kids building, kids will walk to their classroom on their own and will be greeted by a volunteer at the door of their room.
- Only extreme cases of separation anxiety or new families will adults be able to walk with their kids to the classrooms.
- As the kids come into the classrooms, they will find their name on laminated magnetic sheet and put it on the back of their chair. That will remain their chair for the remainder of the service time.
- I will have a social distancing game in place for anyone who wants to play but if they don't want to play, they can sit in a seat.
- Then the kids will break up by grade. I have space and seats for 6 kids per class group but we can have a max of 10 kids per group per the rules and regulations.
 - Kinder – 3rd Grade will be in the K-3rd Grade room broken out into 4 quadrants.
 - 4th Grade will be set up in the alcove inside the building but outside the K-3rd Grade room. There will be a barrier set up between them and check out.
 - If we do not have enough volunteers but we have less kids than in two grades that make up less than 10 kids total they can be in the same group.
 - If we have more than 6 kids in a class group but we are not at full capacity, then we can put up another table and grow to 10 kids per group.
 - If we have a max capacity of the room at 40 kids within the kinder to 3rd grade alone or more than 6 in the 4th grade, 10 from each group, then we can use the student building as a alternate location for a grade of children with the largest number of kids. At that point if we need to have more than 50 kids at a service in the K-4th grade alone then we can also transition to the full class time outside after worship and main lesson as a large but spaced group.
- Groups will do the Bible Verse, activity/object lesson, craft and play outside. Playing outside will happen in shifts unless there are stations made outside. It is easiest to let the little ones play first, Kinder, then 1st, ect.
 - Each child will have their own set of pencils, crayons, markers, glue stick, scissor and paint brush kept in a bag with their name on it. Extra bags will be made for visitors.

Pre-K Changes – (In addition to all volunteer changes)

- Check-in will remain the same in the main lobby area for Infants – Pre-K.
- There will be one entrance and one exit with hand sanitizer at each location.
- There are two sets of toys, one for 9:15 class and a set of the 11:00 class to cut down on cleaning surfaces between classes.

- There will be a dedicated outside play time different from the big kids playing on the sets or games set up for outside.
- Each child will have their own set of pencils, crayons, markers, glue stick, scissor and paint brush kept in a bag with their name on it. Extra bags will be made for visitors.
- The room has been set up for 8 kids.
- Snacks will only be on a need by need basis. If the kids are doing well and there looks to be no time or need for snacks, then it can be skipped. If the kids do need a snack time because of moods or service goes long, there will be individually wrapped snacks available and mini picnic tables outside.
- Water will be gotten by the volunteers for the kids in the form of the 3 oz. cups and once a cup is used it will be thrown away.

Infant/Toddler Changes – (In addition to all volunteer changes)

- Almost all plushy items have been removed from these two rooms.
- No more than 6 in a room, there are 2 rooms available to use.
- Items have been taken out to make sure there is more space to move in those times.
- Snacks and drinks will need to be supplied by the parents. In extreme cases we will have some individually wrapped snacks available for a extremely fussy little one to try to calm down.

Check-In Team – (In addition to all volunteer changes)

- Temperature checks will be done for the kids at check in. Anything below 100.0 is acceptable to be in service. It is not that we do not trust parents, it is that kids & parents may not know they have a fever at all. We would like to keep everyone safe and ask the parents to please take their child home and watch the services online.
 - We will give a 2 to 5 minute cool down place inside the kids building for anyone who may just be experiencing a bit of heat exhaustion from going from a hot car, through the hot sun, who may have been playing on the hot playground. Then we can recheck their temperature.
- Check-In will now help with checking out in the Kids Building.
- Check In Team, in addition to checking kids and families in to service, will be responsible for cleaning the bathroom door handles, sink handles and counters after everyone has gone to service.
- They will also help with bathroom monitoring for capacity and older students in the kids building.
- A family will have the opportunity to check-in for main service and kids ministry at the same time, along with printing security tags and signing the kids information on the clip board. Learning a new system.
- Updates have been made to the old system and there will be training for it on September 27th.

Timeline

Volunteer Training K-4th Grade – Sunday, September 6, 2020 @ 11:00am

Volunteer Training Pre-K – Sunday, September 13, 2020 @ 11:00am

Make Up Volunteer Training – Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Volunteer Training Infant/Toddler – Sunday, September 20, 2020 @ 11:00am

Parent Meeting Zoom: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Make Up Volunteer Training – Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Parent Meeting In-Person – Sunday, September 27, 2020 @ 10:30am & 12:30am

Volunteer Training Check In Team – Sunday, September 27, 2020 @ 11:00am

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. You can reach me at jessica.hale@thebrook.net and 832-493-4199.