

faithbaptist preschool & daycare

Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare offers this friendly reminder to everyone to keep safe and healthy by observing the following steps:

- ✓ *Remember to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.*
- ✓ *If soap and water are not available, everyone is to use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer should contain at least 60% alcohol. We are supervising young children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent swallowing alcohol.*
- ✓ *Please cough or sneeze into a tissue if you have one and throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.*
- ✓ *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.*

Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare is actively working to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses in our school:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Long County Health Department send us frequent updates and guidance for our school.
- Students and staff are reminded to wash their hands, cover coughs and sneezes appropriately, and to avoid touching their eyes, noses, and mouths.
- Any students or staff displaying symptoms of respiratory illness are being asked to stay home. Please refer to our *Communicable Disease* policy to determine when sick students can return to school.
- Commonly touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected throughout the school day.
- Disinfecting of classrooms has been increased to enable difficult-to-reach surfaces and classroom materials to be thoroughly sanitized. This is done when students are not present in the classroom.
- Lunchroom staff are regularly sanitizing serving surfaces and lunchroom tables.
- Our top priority is to keep our students and staff safe. We will continue to follow the guidance for schools as new information is received and assure you that we are working very hard to keep everyone at *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* safe and healthy.

Communicable Disease Policy

Whereas it is not the desire of *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* to discriminate against any student, we are faced with the challenge of providing a safe haven for those students entrusted to our care. We desire to protect our students from the exposure to mortal illness as well as protect the ill student from becoming infected by fellow students or others within the school family.

We also recognize that *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* is not equipped to physically care for the needs of very ill students or any student with a serious continuing or chronic communicable disease. Therefore, because we are moved with deep sympathy for both the sick and well child, it will be the policy of *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* to deny admission to or require dismissal from regular *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* class any child with a serious and continuing communicable disease until they have been medically diagnosed as no longer carrying the communicable disease.

This policy is to apply to diseases such as, but in no way limited to, syphilis, gonorrhea, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome [AIDS], etc. Students who test positive for antibodies of Human Immunodeficiency Virus [HIV] or who are infected with AIDS Related Complex [ARC] are included in this policy.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a student to inform the school of the student's infection by any serious and continuing communicable disease upon enrollment of a new student or at the time of diagnosis for a current student.

In adopting this policy, *Faith Baptist Preschool & Daycare* recognizes that medical knowledge about serious communicable diseases is rapidly changing. The school will, therefore, update the policy statement in light of significant new information on such diseases.