



# Presbyterian Day School

Dear Parents,

Last week, as many of you already know, the NVUSD school board unanimously voted on an all distance learning start to their school year. To watch the meeting in its entirety click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6cLhtmMoylhh6YrngUavUw>

**Our return to school date at PDS is Wednesday, August 5th**, with our staff returning to campus on that Monday. We are so excited! Per Community Care Licensing, we have many new regulations to adhere to in order to operate safely. You can read more in depth about that here:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing>

It is of the utmost importance to us that the children, their families and our staff feel safe and stay healthy. With that in mind, here are the most important health policy changes PDS is implementing:

- **Our hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for the time being.** Over the coming weeks/months, as we adjust to the afterschool cleaning procedures, and the need for longer care is there from the families, we will reassess and go back to our previous 5:30 p.m. close time. **Drop off and pick up procedures will also be modified in order to maintain social distancing, keep our facility safe and clean, and to follow licensing guidelines.**
- **Following the recommendations from licensing, the children will be grouped together based on schedules and not age.** In an effort to limit the number of children that come in contact with each other, it is important children are with the same classmates each day they come to school. This means your classroom might change once we return to normal. In the meantime, any classrooms used will be set up for the mixed ages with enough materials to accommodate ages two through five. This will also allow sibling or family groups to stay together. Jennifer will be able to provide more information on this closer to our reopening date once we confirm schedules with our families.
- **All PDS staff will wear masks while indoors. As required by state licensing, please choose a mask that your child will bring and wear to and from school.** There will be a designated spot in the classroom for children to each keep their

own mask. All children will be encouraged to wear their mask when inside. In addition to social distancing, cleaning up behind the children is very important and we will be utilizing smaller teacher to child ratios as we get comfortable with our new normal. The classroom sizes will stay small, with the potential of growing as we determine it is safe to do so. During the time off, all PDS staff have gone through a specialized training and certification for the proper and safe use of stronger cleaning agents in our school. We anticipate going through lots of products to ensure the health and safety of our classrooms. **In an effort to stay ahead of our needs, and with less available in stores, we ask that each PDS family bring in a box of Clorox wipes or a bottle of Lysol for cleaning surfaces. We appreciate your help!**

- **Reusable water bottles/sippy cups will no longer be permitted on campus.** Disposable 5 ounce Dixie style paper cups will be available and thrown away after each use in every classroom. If your child is not accustomed to drinking from a regular cup, please practice a bit at home before school starts. Straws will be available for our younger two year old friends if needed.
- **Lunchboxes are the ONLY item allowed to travel from home to school daily with your child.** We request stay at school items (change of clothes, diapers, nap items etc.) be dropped off before the start of our new school year. **The week of July 27-July 31 Jennifer will be on campus from 10-3 each day. Please call and set up a time with Jennifer to come drop off your items and fill out new paperwork.** Please wear a mask to this appointment. If your child has a special lovey they'd like to bring for nap time, it has to be something they are okay with staying at school during the week, or until Fridays when nap items will be sent home to be washed. All nap items must be able to fit in a large plastic bag with your child's name on it, we will give you the bag the day you bring your stuff. Also, please bring a pencil box with your child's name on it that they can easily open themselves to store their own set of crayons and markers.
- **Snacks are no longer provided by PDS for the time being.** We will still be able to use the microwave and help your child with their food related needs during our allotted snack/lunch times, however all food must come from home. **Please remember we are a nut free facility.**

As we navigate the health and safety of opening, and our enrollment grows, the teachers will be welcomed back in waves. Ms. Holly, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Lisa will all be returning to welcome back your kiddos!

These past few months have been overwhelming and difficult. We understand that some families may feel hesitant coming back to school at this time. We want to emphasize how empathetic we are to those feelings. If you have questions, concerns or just need some good old-fashioned reassurance, please reach out to Jennifer at (707) 224-8941. We are ready to welcome everyone back safely and we feel confident in our efforts to care for your children as we would our own.

For the families that are ready to get back to school, we cannot stress the importance of letting us know your schedule as soon as possible! With other preschools experiencing an influx of enrollment, we anticipate any open PDS spot to go rather quickly.

The class options are listed below. **Current families obviously have priority, so please let us know your pick of one of the following scheduling options:**

**MORNINGS ONLY: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

- \$400 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or
- \$305 Tuesday/Thursday or
- \$650 Monday - Friday (EVERYDAY)

**FULL DAY: 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

- \$600 Monday/Wednesday/Friday or
- \$475 Tuesday/Thursday or
- \$850 Monday - Friday (EVERYDAY)

This may seem different for many of you, but this is actually a schedule that PDS offered many moons ago! Upon careful evaluation we are feeling very positive about these options. This schedule will help us be safe, healthy and effective for the families we care so much about! It will also allow for time periods during and after the day, where classrooms may be disinfected thoroughly.

The Presbyterian Day School has been in operation since 1960, and some 60 years later we remain dedicated to providing a loving and supportive atmosphere in which to guide young children to play, grow, and learn together. We look forward to serving you and your children so that your family can thrive during this time of uncertainty. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

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