



Dear Lil' Sprouts Families,

August 11, 2020

Thank you for your continued patience as we prepare to reopen our Lil' Sprouts classrooms on Sunday mornings. The plans we have put in place have been initiated by our Lil' Sprouts Leadership Team and submitted to our staff "opening" team for review and approval. Each team member is valued along with the input they brought to this ever-changing project. We all want you to know that your children are important to us and we will continue to love them in the best ways possible. Our desire is for church to be a place where kids feel special and they want to come back! Every time a child comes, we get to love them and deposit seeds of truth from God's word and that's our privilege!

WHEN AND HOW WILL WE REOPEN LIL' SPROUTS?

- **Initial Reopening Date:** Sunday, September 13, 2020
- **How:** Roll in method
 - Sept. 13 – open to 4's and Kindergarten
 - Sept. 20 – add in 2/3's
 - Sept. 27 – add in infants and 1's

HOW WILL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP BE HANDLED?

Drop-Off:

- A manned centralized check-in station will be set up in the back hallway (near 207A).
- The check-in station will be open from 9:00-9:30 and 11:00-11:30. If you miss these times, you are welcome to take your child into the service with you.
- Once the parent checks in their child/ren and receives the nametags, they will walk their child/ren to the age appropriate classroom.
- Your child will be met at the door by one of our Serve Team who will welcome the child into the classroom. There will be no need for the parent to walk into the small classroom space.
- We are limiting numbers based on age and room size. If a room gets full, we will do our best to accommodate by placing your child in the class one age up or down at the check-in counter.

Pick-Up:

- One parent will stand at the marked area along the wall for the particular age group.
- After service, when the classroom helper opens the door, the parent will say the first name of their child. The child will come to the door for dismissal and the numbers on the tags will be matched at the door.
- **Parent needed during service:** If a parent is needed for some reason during the service, we will begin using text messaging to contact you. The message will say: "Susie needs help in 205 Bug (room theme)." This is a service provided by Planning Center keyed off of your phone # from check-in. There are 5 canned messages, but this is the one we will use most frequently. **Please keep your phone handy and on vibrate for this purpose.**

All children will need to be picked up promptly after 1st service in order to sanitize and then checked in again for 2nd service if their parent is serving in some capacity.

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WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR CLEANING?

Surfaces - All hard surfaces such as counters, tables, chairs, and large toys will be sprayed after all children have been picked up. The product will sit for 5 minutes and then be rinsed with the "green" spray bottle and wiped off. Sanitizing will happen before children will be allowed to enter for 2nd service. After 2nd service, the process will repeat.

Toys – We will limit the number of small toys available to play with. Each service will have a bin of toys to play with that will be removed after their service and sanitized during the week.

Hands - Upon entering the classroom each child will head to the sink and wash their hands with soap and water.

WILL THERE BE SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR THE CHILDREN?

- Simple snacks will be pre-packaged in snack sized zipper bags. (ie: animal crackers, Goldfish, fruit snacks for kids with allergies)
- Water served in disposable paper cups
- Water fountains will be out of service.
- We discourage having plastic drink cups that belong to individuals.

OUR WELLNESS POLICY

In order to insure a safe and healthy environment for your children and the children's ministry staff, parents should not bring their child to church if he or she has or has had any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Sore throat or headaches
- Continuously runny nose
- Excessive cough
- Undiagnosed rash
- Any symptoms of childhood illnesses such as: chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, RSV, etc.
- Use of antibiotics for 24 hours or less
- Has had close contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19 within the past 14 days

WILL FACE COVERINGS BE REQUIRED FOR SERVE TEAM?

Our Serve Team will be asked to wear a face covering, if the statewide mandate is in effect or if Wayne County becomes a red county.

WILL THERE BE A NEED FOR MORE SERVE TEAM MEMBERS TO HELP IN LIL' SPROUTS?

YES!! If you love Jesus AND little people and would be willing to volunteer on a regular basis (1X a month) or even on a short-term basis (for 3 months 1X a month), we will be needing extra hands and hearts. Every classroom has openings that will need to be filled to put this plan into action.

With Joy,

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