



Radisson Nursery School

Reopening Plan

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Greetings;

We are so very much looking forward to welcoming back your child(ren), as well as greeting our “new friends”, to the Radisson Nursery School program. Subject to regulatory approvals and any changes to the spread of the Coronavirus, we are very pleased to be able to offer this hybrid model of our program, so that we can continue to provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum for our students.

Our goal is to provide our students with a safe and healthy environment in which they can learn and grow, while our staff instills in each child a love of learning and a love of themselves.

We will continue to update parents throughout the school year, with any updates and/or revisions to this plan.

Should you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Radisson Nursery School Reopening Plan For the 2020-21 School Year

The Radisson Nursery School follows the guidelines/style of learning as set forth by Baldwinsville Central School District.

Virtual Learning

If the Baldwinsville Central School District (BCSD) begins the school year with 100% remote learning, the Radisson Nursery School (RNS) will not offer its program for the 2020 – 2021 school year. If the BCSD offers a hybrid program, our schedule will be as follows:

- *2 year old classroom (*RNS will not be holding its 2 year old program for the 2020 – 2021 school year*).
- *3 year old classroom (Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:45am - 11:30am)
- *4 year old Classroom (M/W/F: 9:15am - 11:45am)

If at any time during the school year, the BCSD changes from the hybrid method to a remote learning method, the RNS will cease its program during that timeframe and/or for the remainder of the school year.

Drop-off/Pick-Up

- RNS will have staggered drop-off/pick-up times for parents to ensure physical distancing
- Parents/caregivers will enter and exit through different doors, to ensure for one-way foot traffic.
- Only one (1) parent/caregiver allowed at drop-off/pick-up.
- Floor markers will be in place and visible to ensure proper social distancing.
- Adults and children must wear masks when entering and exiting school buildings.

Class Size

- There will be no more than fifteen (15) students in a group setting in the RNS threes (3's) classroom.
- Children will be split into smaller group sizes with a ratio of seven to one (7:1) for the RNS threes (3's) classroom.
- There will be no more than eighteen (18) students in a group setting in the RNS fours (4's) classroom.
- Children will be split into smaller group sizes with a ratio of eight to one (8:1) for the RNS fours (4's) classroom.

Children in small groups will stay with that same group when rotating through different modules (art, large motor, literacy). Groups will be stable (changing weekly) and have no or minimal contact with each other and will not utilize common space at the same time.



Face Masks

- Staff will be required to wear face masks when maintaining six (6) feet proper distancing is not possible.
 - Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include, but are not limited to: cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose.
- Parents/caregivers will be required to wear face masks during drop- off/pick-up).
- Children will be required to wear face masks when maintaining proper social distancing is not possible (e.g. restroom, modules/centers, hallway).
- Children will be allowed to take mask free breaks throughout their school day, with a designated area where maintaining six (6) feet proper distancing can occur.

Social Distancing

- RNS will ensure that employees maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from other employees at all times, unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance (e.g. jointly caring for a child or responding to the needs of a child).
- Any time that employees are less than six (6) feet from one another, they must wear acceptable face coverings.
- RNS will put measures in place to reduce bi-directional foot traffic using tape or signs with arrows in narrow aisles, hallways, or other spaces.
- Signage and distance markers denoting spaces of six (6) feet will be in place in any areas in which lines are commonly formed or people may congregate (e.g. during drop-off and pick-up, class rotation).
- Tables, chairs, centers and equipment will be spaced out six (6) feet from each.

Handwashing

- RNS staff and children must perform hand hygiene immediately upon entering the program.
- RNS will provide and maintain hand hygiene stations on site, as follows:
 - For handwashing: soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels.
 - For hand sanitizing: an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical.
 - Make hand sanitizer available throughout common areas on site. It will be placed in convenient locations, such as at entrances, exits, classrooms.
 - Signage of proper handwashing techniques will be visible for all students and staff.
- RNS will place receptacles around the facility for disposal of soiled items, including PPE.
- RNS will require children and staff to practice hand hygiene, for the following situations, but not limited to:
 - Upon arrival to the first program activity;
 - Between all program activities;
 - After using the restroom;
 - Before departing the last program activity.



Cleaning/Sanitizing

- Staff/employees will be trained on proper cleaning and sanitizing techniques recommended by the NYS Department of Health.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur periodically throughout the school day. With emphasis on high touch surfaces (e.g. classrooms, centers, door knobs, handrails, light switches, restrooms)
- Tables and chairs will be wiped down and disinfected before and after each use.
- Toys will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.
- Restrooms will not be available to the public, only to staff and students.
- Restrooms will be disinfected each morning and cleaned periodically throughout the day.

Health/Illness

- Parents will submit a COVID-19 health screening questionnaire each day the student attends
 - Students without a completed health screening questionnaires will not be allowed to participate in the school day.
- RNS staff will perform a contact-less temperature check on each student upon arrival.
 - A child with a temperature of 100.0 will be sent home and asked to self-quarantine and contact their health care provider.
- Students having close contact with someone with COVID-19, may not return to school until completing a 14-day quarantine, after exposure.
- Students who have traveled to a NYS restricted state, will be required to quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days, before returning to school.
- If a child presents signs or symptoms of sickness during school hours, they will be secluded in an area designated for sick children/staff, until a parent/caregiver can pick the sick child up.
- Attendance of present and absent children will be logged each school day.
- Staff will be trained on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Return to School after Illness

- If a student/staff member is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider with COVID-19 they can return to school:
 - Once there is no fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours;
 - If they have been diagnosed with another condition and has a healthcare provider written note stating they are clear to return to school.
- If a student/staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider, they may not return to school until:
 - It's been at least ten (10) days since the individual first had symptoms;
 - It has been at least three (3) days since the individual has had a fever (without fever reducing medicine); and
 - It has been at least three (3) days since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.
 - They submit a healthcare provider written note stating they are clear to return to school.



Toys

- Only toys that can be cleaned and disinfected properly will be allowed in usage throughout the school day.
- No toys from home will be allowed in the school building or classrooms.
- After being used by a student, that toy will be placed in a container and not used until properly cleaned.
- Only freshly cleaned toys will be in rotation throughout the school day & groups.
- All toys will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.

Art

- Children will have their own art supplies (crayons, markers, gluesticks, scissors).
- Children's personal art supplies will be stored in plastic pencil cases (provided by the parents/caregivers)
- Art supplies will be stored in the classroom.
- Art supply containers will be wiped down and disinfected after each use.

Centers

- Tables and chairs will be placed six (6) feet from each other throughout the classroom.
- No more than three (3) children will be at a center at any given time.
- Children must wear face masks when proper social distancing is not possible.
- Centers will be wiped down and disinfected before and after each use.

Large Motor

- Children will not be required to wear face masks when engaging in cardiovascular activities.
- Children will remain the proper distancing of six (6) feet away while engaging in large motor activities.
- Proper floor markers will be visible to staff and children to maintain proper social distancing while participating in large motor activities.
- Outside activities will be encouraged and allowed as much as possible during large motor modules.
- Large motor toys and equipment will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Snacks

- Snacks will not be served or provided during the school hours.

Nursery School Staff and Visitors

- All staff members and visitors will complete a health screening questionnaire daily and/or when they are on school grounds.
- All staff members and visitors will complete a temperature check upon arrival.
- Visitors will be limited to only essential, itinerant teachers.

