

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool



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Dear Preschool Families,

The countdown has begun! I can hardly believe that the start of the new school year is almost upon us! The staff will return on August 16th and, before you know it, the first day of school on August 23rd, will be here; the teachers and I are excited to see you all!

As you can imagine, the preparations to welcome our students continue. Unfortunately, there are still some things that are ongoing and changing; these largely relate to the lingering effects of COVID-19. This past Monday, an updated childcare/preschool toolkit was released by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) which is based on recommendations from the CDC. These have been carefully reviewed by not only local officials, but also by our parish leadership, the Diocese of Raleigh's Office of Education (OOE), and the other preschool directors in the diocese.

You will find the updated preschool Parent Handbook (newest updates are in [Green](#)), this year's Operating Plan for St. Francis Preschool, a tip sheet with guidelines for children wearing masks, and a quick reference with the key points to the Operating Plan. Please carefully read all of these materials. The OOE is also requiring that parents sign a form agreeing to the policies that have been outlined. You will find the link included in these documents.

I know, without a doubt, that one of the reasons that we were successfully able to navigate last year was not only because of the outstanding efforts of our staff, but also due to the support of our families. They rallied behind our preschool and all that we did to ensure a safe and happy year for everyone. I am confident that, with your support, we will do so again this year! Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your questions or concerns. Looking forward to our preschool's 30th year!

[Parent Handbook](#)

[OOE COVID Addendum \(must sign\)](#)

[Operating Plan](#)

[Face Covering Protocol](#)

With Joy,

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