

## 2020- 2021 Transitional Plan of Operation

As of today, July 15, 2020, our state and county are still in a state of emergency as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this our world as we know it has changed. We're learning how to sanitize things better, social distance from each other, and never leave home without a mask.

**It is clear that school will be different this year. As we develop a safer learning atmosphere that is consistent with the new rules and guidelines, we remained focused on our unique educational philosophy that respects children and families. Most importantly, however, our teachers' health and safety are at the forefront of our decision making.**

It is our goal to follow the guidance of The Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and The Ohio Department of Education and maintain our high quality, developmentally appropriate preschool for young children of all learning styles.

Currently, we are still under Transitional Pandemic Licensing Rules. These will be lifted once the governor rescinds the state of emergency. Until then, we must follow stricter rules such as (but are not limited to):

- Capping class sizes at 9
- Limiting the number of students in the school at a time
- Limiting parent/ family access to the building
- Clean and sanitize more often with stronger cleaners
- Check temperatures of children upon entering the building
- Maintain social distancing when possible

Although this may sound difficult, we have developed a way to meet these guidelines by changing our class schedules, adapting policies, creating new policies, and keeping the overall health and safety of our employees and families as our top priority.

**When the Transitional Rules are in effect, we will operate in a hybrid learning model (some days at school and some days at home) as follows.**

### Class Sizes

- Squirrel Class will be limited to 9 students
- Grasshopper Class will be limited to 9 students
- Cricket Class will be increased to 18, but split into two groups of 9 each.
- Robin Class will be increased to 18, but split into two groups of 9 each.
- Salamander, Blue Heron, and Cardinal Classes (each typically 18) will be split into 2 groups of 9.

### Remote Learning

Online learning is not a preferred format for young students. To limit screen time, we will be combining a variety of methods to connect with our students on their "remote learning home days".

Our Remote Learning will not be "online school", include a combination of:

- Activities sent home with supplies to work on class projects and extend things introduced in person
- YouTube videos of the teachers' reading a story or doing an activity
- Projects to do with your family that support the learning happening in the classroom
- Zoom Meetings with the class in real time.
- Parent/ Family Meetings
- Sharing resources and valuable information regarding child development and learning at home
- In the event of future mandated closures, this is how we will maintain contact with our students and families.

We will utilize:

- Our website and parent portal (JackRabbit)
- YouTube
- Remind App
- Zoom

- Our Shutterfly Share S

## Class Meeting Times

- Classes will meet in person for 2 consecutive days followed by 2 “remote learning days” at home. These days will be split by a NO STUDENT day (Wednesday) for teachers to deep clean and sanitize to prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of students.
- Separating the 2 groups from each other with a “no students day” in between keeps the 2 groups of children apart so we can limit exposure to your family.
- Class TIMES will remain the same

## Tuition

Because our operating cost will remain the same and delivery of education will continue, tuition would remain the same as stated for the original class schedules.

## Other Changes in Policies Include:

- Visitors/ Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures
- Facial Coverings (Masks)
- Snack Policy
- Well-Checks
- Handwashing
- Cleaning Procedures
- Illness and Sick Policy
  - We will communicate these new policies to you ASAP!

## How and Why These Plans Were Developed:

These plans will be in effect when we are bound to the “Pandemic Rules” posted by our licensing agency (The Ohio Dept. of Jobs and Family Services). It is important to note that due to the evolving COVID-19 findings, research, and outbreaks, conditions are ever changing. We will communicate all changes as we are notified.

We hope for the return to our original class schedules when allowed, but we feel that starting off with smaller groups and less days is in the best interest of our families, staff, and young children who have been social distancing for what will be 5 months when we begin school in September. This plan allows us to be the most responsive to their needs as being away from family members and with peers will be a bit of shock to them. ☺

All of the Transitional Pandemic Rules can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Early-Learning-and-School-Readiness>

A document for Families sending their children back to preschool or childcare can be found here: <https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/COVID-19-Guidance-What-Parents-Should-Know-About-Sending-Children-Back-to-Child-Care-2020-05-14.pdf>

## 2020-2021 “Transitional Pandemic Schedules”

For each class of over 9 students, teachers will create 2 groups.  
Your child will be assigned to either Group 1 or Group 2 and follow that schedule.

## Salamander Class- Pond Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.- Fri. 9:00- 11:30am, this school year it would be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salamander Group 1	9:00- 11:30	9:00- 11:30	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning
Salamander Group 2	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning		9:00- 11:30	9:00- 11:30

## Cricket Class- Garden Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.- Fri. 9:00- 11:30am, this school year it would be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cricket Group 1	9:00- 11:30	9:00- 11:30	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning
Cricket Group 2	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning		9:00- 11:30	9:00- 11:30

## Squirrel Class- Woods Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.-Tues.- Wed. 9:00- 11:00am, this school year it would be as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00- 11:30	9:00- 11:30	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group		

## Grasshopper Class- Woods Classroom

Typically Meets Thursday & Friday 9:00- 11:00am, this school year it would be as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	9:00- 11:00	9:00- 11:00

## Blue Heron Class- Pond Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.- Fri. 12:30 – 3:00, this school year it would be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue Heron Group 1	12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning
Blue Heron Group 2	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning		12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00

## Cardinal Class- Woods Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.- Fri. 12:30 – 3:00, this school year it would be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue Heron Group 1	12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning
Blue Heron Group 2	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning		12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00

## Robin Class- Garden Classroom

Typically Meets Mon.- Thurs. 12:30 - 3:00, this school year it would be as follows:

**THIS CLASS WILL NOW MEET ON FRIDAYS!!!**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Robin Group 1	12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00	<b>No students</b>  Teacher at school conducting Real Time Zoom Meetings/ Remote Learning and Doing Deep Cleaning for next group	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning
Robin Group 2	Home Day w/ Remote Learning	Home Day w/ Remote Learning		12:30 – 3:00	12:30 – 3:00