



Dear ESS Families,

We are overjoyed to safely welcome students back into our care. The ESS team has been working hard on developing a program that is fun and engaging while maintaining the health and safety of our students as our number one priority. The summer program will look different, but different doesn't mean that it won't be enjoyable.

I know many of you want to know what your child will be doing while at ESS this summer and what safety precautions will be in place. Here are is an overview of some information to provide as much clarity as possible:

- Children will be placed into stable groups of 12, with the same ESS team members, for the duration of the summer program. Due to health guidelines, we are not able to switch students to different groups.
- Parents may not enter the childcare rooms. Drop off and pick up will take place outside.
- All children and ESS team members will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival. Should a child be exhibiting any symptoms, they will not be able to stay for care. This will include, but is not limited to:
 - A temperature screening and visual inspection of the child(ren), which could include: flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.
 - A brief questionnaire regarding any symptoms. Do you or any members of your household have any of the following symptoms?
 - Fever (100°F or greater)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Rash
 - Body aches
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Should a child become ill while at ESS, an authorized person will be contacted to pick-up the child immediately. The child will be separated from the group. Please make sure that all contact information is current.
- If you are contacted to pick up a sick child from the program, all children from your family must also be picked up.
- Staff and students will wear masks in the hallways when transitioning to areas in the building that are outside of their classrooms. Students will not be required to wear masks during the class period. Children can bring their own face mask from home or ESS will provide for them.

Personal cloth face coverings should be washed daily.

- Staff and children will be practicing proper hand washing, hand sanitization, and physical distancing. A link to helpful videos for parents and children is located [HERE](#).
- Children will receive their own personal supplies (crayons, pencils, scissors, journals, glue, etc.) that will be theirs to keep when the summer program ends.
- ESS will be providing children with a breakfast/morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack daily.
- We ask that you limit the number of personal belongings a child brings to ESS daily. A jacket and water bottle are sufficient. Should your child bring an electronic device (Amazon Fire, Nintendo personal gaming system) it will be placed in a Ziploc bag and will need to be taken home and sanitized at the end of each day.
- All restrooms, toys, equipment, electronics, tables, etc. will be sanitized throughout the day. Additional custodial support will be provided in order to disinfect classrooms and restrooms each evening.

Drop-off Procedure

- Parents / Authorized pick-up persons will not be permitted past the check-in table at any time.
- Please remain in your vehicle until it is your turn at the check-in table.
- Once screened at drop-off, parents will sign their child in on the iPad and a staff member will direct them to the hand hygiene station before going to their designated classroom.
- It is highly recommended that the same authorized person drop-off daily. **A face mask is required when dropping off your child(ren).**

Pick-up Procedure

- Students will be signed out by an authorized pick-up at the intake area.
- A staff member will call your child to meet you at the intake area.
- Parent will sign the child out on the iPad. To ensure safety, please present your ID when signing your child out each day.
- It is highly recommended that the same authorized person pick-up daily. **A face mask is required when picking up your child(ren).**

A calendar with site information and a sample of the daily schedule will be provided to you on the first day of childcare and is posted on our website, www.lmsvschools.org, on the breaks and non-school days page.

As a friendly reminder, due to current health and social distancing guidelines, pick-up and drop-off times may be lengthier than usual. Please plan accordingly.

We anticipate that as we implement these new procedures, we may find ways to change and streamline the process as we go. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these new procedures together, in service of the health and safety of your children. Thank you for your support and your patience.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

The ESS Team
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