

## Rabbi Arthur Schneier Park East Day School Summer Program

Dear Prospective Early Childhood Summer Program Parents,

Having successfully reopened in-person learning at RASPEDS this past September, we have become experts in going above and beyond to keep our students healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it's time to apply our ever-evolving knowledge to the Park East Early Childhood Summer Program.

Below please find some Frequently Asked Questions. We have incorporated our pre-COVID-19 questions with those which are specific to the summer of 2021.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

**1. When does the program begin and end?**

Our program will begin on Monday, June 21 and will end on Friday, August 6. The summer program runs for seven weeks.

**2. What are the hours of the program?**

The program starts every morning at 9:00 am. Dismissal varies depending on your child's age. The incoming two-year-olds and transitional threes dismiss at 12:00 pm. The incoming three-year-olds (current toddlers) dismiss at 2:00 pm and the incoming four and five-year-olds (current three and four-year-olds) dismiss at 3:00 pm.

**3. For how many weeks may an applicant sign up?**

There is a two week minimum requirement. Parents may select which weeks in the summer they wish their children to attend. The weeks do not have to be sequential. There are no provisions for partial weeks. There are no make-up days due to absences for any reasons.

**4. What is the deadline for parents to register to secure their child a spot?**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure a spot, there is a non-refundable deposit of \$500 payable online to complete the registration.

**5. If, due to COVID-19, the Summer Program must be cancelled in entirety, will the deposit and tuition be refunded?**

Yes. If we are unable to operate the program, the deposit and a prorated amount of the tuition paid for unused weeks will be refunded in entirety.

**6. If a specific group needs to be quarantined and the program as a whole remains open, will there be prorated tuition refund?**

- If a quarantined child **is not** registered for the entire seven weeks, the time may be made up during other weeks of the program. There is no tuition refund.
- If a quarantined child **is** registered for the entire seven weeks, a prorated tuition refund of up to 1 week will be fully refunded.

**7. What are the cut-off dates for each age group?**

- Nursery 2s (Born Jan-Aug 2019)
- Transitional 3s (Born Sept-Dec 2018)
- Nursery 3s (Born Sept 2017-Aug 2018)
- Nursery 4s (Born Jan-Aug 2017)

**8. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, will parents or caregivers be allowed in the building?**

Only essential workers are allowed in our facility. Arrival and dismissal are in our first floor outdoor playground area.

**9. What will the phase in schedule look like for toddlers and transitional 3's?**

There will be a phase-in schedule in our outdoor playground facility for our youngest children.

**10. There is a three-days-per-week option. Are the days interchangeable each week?**

Within the same week, a parent may choose any three days. A parent may not carry over days from one week to the next.

**11. How can hours, days, or weeks be extended once the Summer Program begins?**

After the first week of the program, a parent has the option of completing an extension form which will be available on our website. The extension is not automatically granted by completing the form; rather, it must be approved by the program administration. Please note that extending by the week is more expensive than signing up for the entire program from initial registration.

**12. Are snacks and lunch included and served in all programs?**

Yes, snacks will be provided for all age groups and hot lunch will be served for children who stay until 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm. No outside food is allowed in our building. We are a kosher and nut-free facility and accommodate children with allergies.

### **13. What precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19?**

Please note that information regarding COVID-19 is constantly being updated by the New York State Board of Health and Center for Disease Control. We will communicate changes to our parent body as they occur.

The following precautions are currently in place:

- If a child is not feeling well, he/she must be kept home and the school must be notified.
- All children must have updated vaccinations and completed medical forms.
- Parents must take their child's temperature and fill out a daily health screening on the RSchoolToday app before drop-off each morning. Instructions on how to use the app will be provided.
- An additional temperature screening will be conducted upon arrival.
- All staff and children four and up must wear masks. We strongly encourage our three-year-olds to wear masks as well, at least in all common areas, such as hallways and stairwells.
- Children will be kept within their cohorts for all activities. Cohorts will not be mixed. Snack and lunch will be in the children's classrooms.
- Proper health and respiratory hygiene protocols are followed throughout the building. Our common areas, including bathrooms, banisters and doorknobs, are sanitized multiple times during the day. All rooms are thoroughly deep-cleaned each evening.
- HEPA air filters are in each of our classrooms to further purify our air quality.

Even with the best of precautions, much depends upon the program's parent community and their adherence to the policies and protocols of our school and summer program.

### **14. Will children be swimming, given the COVID-19 risks?**

We await NYS Board of Health Guidelines regarding swimming pools and water play.