



Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful festive break. To mitigate the risks of COVID-19 while children are in our care, we have adopted additional health & safety procedures from CDC guidelines and local regulations.

- According to CDC guidelines please isolate for 7 days after you are anyone in your house hold has travelled internationally.
- All children above the age of 2 will need to wear a face mask or shield. (The school will provide a shield. **It is imperative that your child comes to school with a well fitted mask covering their mouth and nose.** Please send in an extra mask for your child in a sealed plastic bag in case they need one.
- All children will be dropped off and collected at reception. No parent or carer will be allowed inside the school building. An assistant or teacher from each class will be at the reception to take the children to class or car If you need to. discuss anything with your teacher, please email or text them.
- There will be no birthday celebrations.
- If a child falls ill during the course of the day parents will be contacted immediately and the child will be isolated.

We will provide ongoing training and support for the staff to ensure safe and healthy practices are being met.

We will communicate with parents and carers about anxiety you may face regarding your children's safety. We will communicate with you to ensure a good transition from home to school.

We will ensure child safety and keep an open communication system with all families at all times.

We will implement social distancing practices with all our staff and students where possible.

**Please remember to strictly adhere to our school sick policy.**

- i) Cold/ flu your child should be fever free for 24 hours and on no fever reducers for 24 hours
- ii) Strep throat on antibiotics for at least 24 hours s/he should not have a fever for at least 24 hours
- iii) Conjunctivitis on antibiotics for 24 hours and eye redness has lightened and there is no discharge
- iv) Chicken Pox: all lesions should be crusted over (generally 7-14 days after rash breaks out).
- v) Measles: all lesions should have crusted over (generally 7-14 days after rash breaks out).
- vi) Diarrhea / Vomiting: your child should be free from diarrhea / vomiting for 24 hours and fever free.
- vii) Ear infection: if the child has no pain and without fever
- viii) Parasitic Infections: As directed by the child's physician



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- ix) **Families need to report if any member of the family or staff member falls ill or if they have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19**
- x) **If you or your child are sick PLEASE STAY HOME.**
- xi) **PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING ANY ILLNESS NOT LISTED**

#### **School will provide:**

- We have visors for students if you want your child to wear it.
- Hand washing facilities with running water and soap
- Sanitizer
- Clean school facilities for students/parents/staff at all times

#### **Upon arrival for staff, students and parents**

- Every adult and child to arrive with a mask.
- Wash hands or sanitize
- Temperature taken

#### **Classroom Management:**

- Staff to wear masks
- We will sanitize the children's working space regularly throughout the day.
- Toilets will be cleaned frequently
- All equipment will be disinfected as needed throughout the day.
- Regularly touched surfaces will be sanitized frequently.
- Waste will be removed daily
- **We will move lessons and activities outdoors as much as possible weather permitting.**
- If we have quiet time, children will be placed head to toe to prevent further potential for viral spread.
- We will model social distancing amongst all staff and students.
- We have good ventilation in our classrooms. Windows and doors will be open to allow for fresh air flow

#### **Conclusion**

The health and safety of our children and families is our top priority.

We at Casa Dei Bambini will work closely with the MOH, MOE, CDC, all our families and the community of Zambia as well as our staff members and adhere to the national health guidelines.

Given the evolving situation, we will continue to update these protocols as necessary; and we will update parents accordingly.

This will ensure a secure and stimulating learning environment for all our students and families. We thank you for taking the time to read this. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to get InTouch with us. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support during these times. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



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Yours Sincerely

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