

Policies and procedures for Fall 2021 due to the continuing impact of COVID-19. As guidance changes, PVNS will continually be evaluating guidance from NY Department of Education and Monroe County Department of Public Health and NY State Department of Health. Penfield Village Nursery School & Kindergarten is operating as a private school and thus is required to follow NY Department of Education guidance.

1. All Students, staff and visitors are required to wear masks indoors. We also ask that all parents, staff and children wear masks during drop off and pick up, despite being outdoors.
2. Masking will be optional on the playground and grass areas.
3. If a student requires a mask break, we will offer a space with 6 feet of distance from classmates.
4. Students will be spaced, when possible, but we will maintain our play-based philosophy. To decrease risk, we will require masks, use air purifiers in classrooms, increase ventilation and follow appropriate cleaning and handwashing guidelines.
5. PVNS preschool students, 2s, 3s and 4s classes, will not be eating snack at PVNS. Please send in only a water bottle. Due to spacing, we are unable to separate children 6 feet apart during snack time. Thus, we will not have snack for our preschool aged students.
6. Transitional Kindergarten students will be having daily snack, as a result of their 3 hour day. Please plan for your child to bring a snack and water bottle. Snacks must be from our nut-free list.
7. Students and staff are not required to be vaccinated. All students and staff will be required to wear masks.
8. PVNS will limit parent volunteers in the classroom and inside of our school building. We ask that all children in our 3s, 4s and Transitional Kindergarten programs be dropped off at main door or use the car drop off loop. Parents of students in our 2s classes are asked to be prepared for drop off/pick up at the classroom door, social distancing and masking required.
9. If schools in Monroe County and or Penfield Central Schools are requiring random sampling of students, we will ask families to provide this. A STUDENT WILL NEVER BE TESTED AT SCHOOL WITHOUT A PARENT PRESENT, WILLING TO GIVE CONSENT AND THERE TO ASSIST WITH TESTING. If we do not obtain the mandated number of students/families willing to test students, PVNS will close for the necessary amount of time, either when we obtain enough students testing to meet guidelines or when community spread meets guidelines. Tuition will continue to be collected during this time from all families.
10. If PVNS is required to shut down due to the impact of COVID we will require payment for a shutdown lasting up to 21 consecutive days. Teachers will send out weekly ideas to work on at home and offer one zoom check in per week. If the shutdown extends beyond 21 consecutive days, we will no longer require tuition and virtual learning will cease. When PVNS is able to resume in person learning, we will begin collecting tuition no more than 2 weeks prior to our

expected reopening. At that time will begin a maximum of 2 weeks virtual learning as a transition back to in-person learning.

11. To meet the needs of all of our students, Special Education Providers may work with students in our building, if the child's IEP mandates it and our space allows. Providers may work only with the student he/she is servicing. If your child falls into this category and his/her needs cannot be met by having services either at home or in a separate setting, please contact Jennifer Glorioso our Director of Education, to discuss this further.
12. Parents/Guardians are asked to screen for COVID symptoms prior to their child attending school each day. Children and staff must stay home if they are showing signs or symptoms of infectious illness. We will follow the flowchart below if a child or staff member becomes ill. Please plan for illnesses to be evaluated by a Doctor or submit a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to school.



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