



# Coast Kids

## PRESCHOOL

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COAST KIDS PRESCHOOL / COVID-19 UPDATE: May 14th

Dear Families,

Have any of you been watching the video series called, *The Chosen*? If you haven't, you may want to. I recommend watching it. *The Chosen* will reimagine the radical ministry of Christ upending societal norms in a multi-season show. Creators aim for it to be faithful to the biblical text while gritty in tone. "A lot of Jesus projects on-screen are intentionally formal, which often means emotionally detached and less human," says writer/director Dallas Jenkins.. The reason I mention this is that they use the word "reimagine". That is how we have been "doing" our preschool and special events - Reimagined. I am sure you have reimagined what work and family life looks like too. I bought a t-shirt from *The Chosen* apparel store and it says "Get used to different." This is what I keep telling my staff in regards to... well just about everything.

As we work on / consider reopening the preschool for summer, we all have to "Get Used to Different". Here are some things that will be different as we know the regulations and restrictions (as of today) we have been given by the Governor, San Diego Public Health and Community Care licensing.

- Before a child enters the building, there will be a temperature check and health questionnaire. Parents will sign in and out with a staff person outside the building. Temperatures will be checked throughout the day. A temperature must be less than 100 degrees to attend preschool.
- The child to teacher ratio is 10:1. However, to have stable classrooms and give breaks to staff, there will be times we will actually have 2 teachers to 10 children.
- The classes will be stable classes. The same group of children will stay in the same class and will not mix with other classes. It will be like each class is its own "home daycare".
- We will have heightened cleaning and sanitation along with keeping logs.
- Children and staff do not need to wear face coverings while in the preschool.
- We will not have visitors.
- We will not be able to gather together for chapel. Your children will still enjoy wonderful Bible stories and chapel songs in their class.
- I am unsure about waterplay days and special event days. We definitely will not be all together at the same time.
- As much as possible, siblings will be in the same class.

While it is not a regulation, we find the need to make other changes for the summer as we consider health, safety and the added costs to run a preschool with all of these changes and more. Here are some:

- You will be responsible to pack not only lunch for your child daily (for those here for lunch), you will be responsible to pack your child's morning snack and afternoon snack (if here in the afternoons). Microwaves will not be available.
- Do not send water bottles. We will serve water and use disposable cups.
- In order to not have you standing in line for health checks, we need to stagger the times to enter the preschool. More details will follow for those attending summer camps.
- Our hours may be 8:00 - 5:00 for the summer.

I wish I could tell you I have a date to reopen. I don't yet. This is a big endeavor and our church / preschool board does not take this lightly. They spend time praying and considering many things. The health and safety of the children, families and staff is important. Before the end of the month, I should have information about summer camps. This will be based on regulations and approval from our Board to reopen for summer or sooner.

As the regulations and restrictions stand today, I would say we will probably not finish the year in the classes and schedules we have had. So, we will have a Goodbye Event. It will be similar to our Drive-By Event. I will send out an email about this event next week. This email has plenty to digest.

Get Used to Different!

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