

**Pandemic Safety Agreement**  
**Kids in Discovery**

**June, 2021**

Dear families,

The following agreement has been created to keep all students, families, and staff safe. Please read through the agreement, sign, and return with your deposit (one month's tuition) by July 15, 2021.

- 1) Kids in Discovery agrees to notify parent(s) whenever their child becomes ill and the parent(s) will arrange to have the child picked up as soon as possible if requested by the school. Child will remain in designated sick area of office until pickup.
- 2) The parent(s) authorize the preschool to obtain immediate medical care if any emergency occurs and the parent(s) cannot be located. (If there is an objection to seeking emergency medical care, a statement should be obtained from the parent(s) stating the objection and the reason for the objection).
- 3) The parent(s) agree to inform Kids in Discovery immediately if a child or any member of the immediate household has developed a reportable communicable disease (including COVID-19), as defined by the State Board of Health [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2018/11/Reportable\\_Disease\\_List.pdf](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2018/11/Reportable_Disease_List.pdf).
- 4) Families will be notified within 24 hours if there is a suspected or positive COVID-19 case at Kids in Discovery.
- 5) Parent(s) agree to the rules and guidelines set forth in the Kids in Discovery Parent Handbook and have reviewed the Kids in Discovery's expectations with their children.
- 6) Parent(s) agree to pay the monthly tuition rate (see options below) and understand that if the payment is not received by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, there will be a \$25 late fee. If payment is received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, there is a \$35 late fee. The first tuition payment is due September 1<sup>st</sup> (this is separate from the deposit which is applied to the last month's tuition).

We also realize that there is the possibility that there will be a second wave of the virus. If this happens and we have to close (due to the governor or other official closing schools) our plan for tuition and teaching would look like this:

<b>Days missed</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>In Person / Online</b>	<b>Teacher Salary</b>
7-14 days (due to possible exposure)	Full Payment	Switch to online learning	Full Salary
2 weeks – 1 month	Full Payment	Online learning	Full salary
1 – 2 months	Half Payment	Online learning	½ salary
2+ months	No payment	No online learning	No salary

If the governor or government closes schools for more than 2 months of normal operating schedule (excluding holidays) you will have the option to withdraw.

We feel that we can continue to teach children through a combination of online teaching and hands-on activities that we would send home. We realize that nothing can compare to in-person teaching with young children, but in these unprecedented times we are learning best practices and how to best reach children when we must be distanced.

Going forward we understand that some families may not be ready to sign a year contract with the uncertainty that surrounds us. Therefore, for this year we are offering an alternative; the COVID Opt-Out option. Instead of signing a year contract you can choose to enroll your child month-to-month at a slightly higher cost. If you chose to do this, you may withdraw your child at any time with no notice or contractual obligation. A non-refundable registration fee and deposit will still be required. Yearly and COVID Opt-Out fees would be as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Year Contract Cost per month</b>	<b>COVID Opt-out Cost Per Month</b>
Two-year-Old	2 Days	\$240	\$300.00
Two-Year-Old	3 Days	\$310	\$387.50
Two-Year Old	5 Days	\$445	\$556.25
Three-Year-Old	3 Days	\$310	\$387.50
Three-Year-Old	4 Days	\$365	\$456.25
Three-Year-Old	5 Days	\$445	\$556.25
Four-Year-Old/ PreK	4 Days	\$365	\$456.25
Four-Year-Old/ PreK	5 Days	\$425	\$531.25

- 7) Parent(s) hereby agree that this Waiver and Release of Liability shall apply to each day that your child is at Kids in Discovery regardless of the date that this form is signed below. Parent(s) agree that they will assume the risk and full responsibility for any and all injuries, illness, losses, or damages, that might occur to their child or other family members while on the premises of Discovery United Methodist Church, Kids in Discovery, or participating in any off-site preschool program or activity; and to the maximum extent of the law, I agree to waive and release any and all claims, suits, or related causes of action against Kids in Discovery, their owners, officers, employees or agents for injury, illness, loss, death, costs or other damages to me, my heirs or assigns, or third party claims, suits or related causes of action asserted against Kids in Discovery arising from parental conduct and/or parental family's conduct while participating in the Kids in Discovery programs or activities. I further agree to release, indemnify, defend and hold Kids in Discovery harmless from any liability whatsoever for future claims presented by their child for any injuries, illness, losses or damages.
- 8) Parent(s) acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing.
- 9) Parent(s) further acknowledge that Discovery United Methodist Church and Kids in Discovery have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

10) Parent(s) further acknowledge that Discovery United Methodist Church and Kids in Discovery cannot guarantee that families will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19, and parent (s) hereby agree that they will assume the risk and full responsibility for any and all COVID-19/Coronavirus related injuries, illnesses, losses, or damages.

11) Parent(s) understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of themselves and others.

12) Parent(s) acknowledge that they must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while their children are attending Kids in Discovery.

Parents attest that:

Their families are not experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

Have not traveled internationally within the 14 days before the start of school.

Have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America within the 14 days before the start of school.

Not to their knowledge, have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.

Their family is following all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting their exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Additionally, Kids in Discovery requests that all families practice social distancing, wear protective face coverings when out in public, and practice good personal hygiene measures as recommended by the CDC and VDH. (This includes practicing handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds with your child.)

During this time of uncertainty, things are ever changing and we will be re-evaluating to make sure we are in compliance with recommendations made by our trusted sources. We know details are subject to change and we are ready to be flexible and change as needed.

**I agree to the above statements:**

**Print Parent's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_