

# Cape Carteret Presbyterian Preschool 2020-2021 Handbook



**“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is  
old, he will not depart from it.”**

**Proverbs 22:6**

**Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church Preschool**

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## CAPE CARTERET PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

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Established in 1999, CCPP has grown in many ways, over the years. We look forward to growing with your family. Many things have changed since we opened our doors, but our educational goals remain the same. Our preschool committee and staff work together to touch the lives of children in a working, playing, and learning preschool atmosphere. Our curriculum goals are to build confidence, expand creativity, develop social skills, and create an enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

### Educational Objectives

1. To provide a safe and pleasant environment to care for children age 2 to 5 years;
2. To provide preschool children the opportunity to learn Christian moral values in a loving, playtime atmosphere;
3. To nurture the growth of the whole child by providing for intellectual, emotional, social, physical and spiritual development;
4. To provide opportunities for creative expression through art, language, music, and movement.

### Registration Requirements

1. Completed and signed registration form;
2. Registration/supply fee of \$100 (non-refundable);
3. Copy of child's immunization record; which is current and up to date as per Childhood Immunization Schedule.
4. Children in the 3 and 4-year-old classes must be toilet trained before the beginning of the school year. Pull ups/diapers will not be permitted.

### Age Requirements

**2 Year Old-Mother's Morning Out-** child must turn 2 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year

**3 Year Old Classes-** child must turn 3 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.

**4 Year Old Classes-** child must turn 4 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.

## **Tuition**

Tuition for each program is an annual fee, payable in 9 monthly payments as follows per child:

2-year-old program - \$60 per month

3-year-old program - \$220 per month

4-year-old program - \$275 per month

- Tuition is due on the first preschool day of each month, September through May, with late fees charged after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, accounts are due the Friday before. Accounts not paid by 12 noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> are charged a \$10 late fee. If an account runs late for the third time, the late fee goes up to \$20 and will remain at the \$20 rate until the end of the preschool year. If an account runs overdue by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the second month, service will be suspended.
- Holidays and absences due to illness or trips do not affect these rates. Tuition cannot be refunded.
- Checks should be made payable to C CPP. Please consider mailing your tuition or paying by using on-line banking. Tuition boxes will also be located at morning drop-off/pick-up locations. A \$25 fee is charged on all returned checks. Please do not drop cash payments in the payment boxes. If you are paying by cash, please take your payment to the Preschool Treasurer, Tracy Antonelli, in the church office, and a receipt will be issued. Tuition payments can also be mailed to the preschool at:

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**100 Yaupon Drive**

**Cape Carteret, NC 28584**

**Attention: Preschool Treasurer**

Payments made by mail must be received on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, payment must be received the Friday before.

- Monthly receipts for payments made by check are written by request only. You will receive statements of payment in December and May for your records.

### Preschool Schedule and Hours

The Preschool session begins after Labor Day. Notification will be mailed to you as to the actual start date. Preschool will end the last Thursday of May.

Classes and hours for the preschool are as follows:

2's - Mondays from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

3's - Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon

4's - Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. - 11:45a.m.

The preschool will be closed on all Carteret County School Holidays and Work Days. In order to accommodate family travel plans, the preschool will also be closed the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.

### [Carteret County School Calendar 2020-2021](#)

- The preschool reserves the right to cancel any part or all of a particular session, with proper notification to parents.

### Inclement Weather Guidelines

In case of inclement weather, please note the following guidelines:

1. If the Carteret County Public Schools are open on a **one-hour delay**, our preschool will have a normal preschool day 4's-8:45 until 11:45/2's & 3's 9:00 until 12:00
2. If the Carteret County Public Schools are open on a **two-hour delay** the preschool will begin at 10:00AM.
3. If the Carteret County Public Schools are closed, the preschool will also be closed. **Your child's teacher will notify you via email, text, or phone call to alert you of inclement weather days.**

### Arrival and Dismissal

In order to aid in the health and well-being of our preschoolers, staff, and their families during COVID, our morning drop-off and pick-up procedures will be different this year. The 4-year-old drop-off time will be from 8:45 until 9:00a.m. The 2 and 3-year-old drop off time will be 9:00 until 9:15a.m. A preschool assistant will meet you at your car in front of the covered portico - traffic circle next to the preschool building. Please wear a mask, unbuckle your child, and stand next to your car with your child until an assistant arrives. The assistant will take your child's temperature, sign your child in, and escort your child to their classrooms.

For afternoon pick-up, the 4-year-old parents should park in the lot in front of the 4's classrooms. The 4's will be released from the classroom door facing the parking lot. Parents, please wear a mask and practice social distancing while waiting for you child to be released. The 2's and 3's will be escorted to your car in front of the covered portico - traffic circle. Parents, please wear a mask, stand next to your car, and buckle your child into their car seats. Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation during the implementation of these new procedures.

In order for educational instruction to begin promptly, please have your child arrive on time. Late arrival results in your child missing valuable "free choice playtime," and settle in before instruction begins. There are no arrangements for receiving children before their allotted drop-off time, or keeping them after allotted dismissal time. This is designated time for staff planning and preparation.

Please make pickup arrangements ahead of time and provide accurate contact information each day to the staff members greeting you at the drop-off location. Picture ID will be required if the person picking up your child is not on your authorized child pick-up list.

Dismissal time is 11:45 until 12:00 for the 4's, and 12:00 until 12:15 for 2's and 3's. Late fees apply any time pick-up is after 12:15 p.m. Being late at pick-up causes unnecessary uneasiness for your child. A late pick-up fee is charged at the rate of \$1 per minute per child for the first and second offenses. The third time a parent is late for pick-up, the rate goes up to \$2 per minute per child and will remain at the \$2 rate until the end of the preschool year.

### **Health and Safety of Your Child**

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. State law requires that we have emergency information on file here at school. If your child appears to have symptoms of illness during class, you will be called to pick up your child. Please note the following health policies written to protect students and staff:

1. **All children attending CCPC Preschool MUST be current on all immunizations as per the childhood immunization schedule.** A current immunization record must be received by CCPC Preschool on or before the CCPC Preschool August Open House, (date & time of Open House will be in a welcome letter mailed to each preschooler), in order for your child to begin our program.
2. Children are to be kept at home when they show signs of any communicable disease such as COVID, measles, mumps, chicken pox, pink eye, impetigo, sore throat, heavy yellow, green, or brown nasal discharge, or constant cough.
- 3 Children with fevers will not be admitted or kept at preschool. A child should be clear of a temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, and/or rashes for 24 hours (WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICINE) before returning to preschool
4. No medication of any kind will be administered by the staff.
5. If a severe accident occurs, 911/EMS and parents will be notified immediately.

### **Accidents and Injuries**

In case of an accident/injury, we will make an immediate call to 911 emergency services and a parent. If we cannot reach you, we will call the emergency contacts listed on your child's registration form or your child's physician. You will be expected to assume responsibility for any resultant expenses.

**Please keep the preschool updated on any changes in home, business, cell, and emergency numbers.**

## COVID 19

Cape Carteret Presbyterian Preschool will be following required protocols, as set forth in the Child Care Strong NC Public Health Tool Kit, compiled by NC Department of Health and Human Services. If you have questions or concerns regarding COVID 19 or if you or your child has been exposed to COVID 19 please refer to the Tool Kit as how to proceed:

[NC Department of Health and Human Services "Tool Kit"](#)

COVID -19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. Therefore, personal prevention practices will be imperative to keep our preschoolers and their family's healthy and well. There are a number of actions we must all take to lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spreading in our CCPC Preschool Setting.

- All adults must practice social distancing and wear a mask/face covering while on preschool premises.

Keep your child at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose/ yellow or green discharge
- Nausea or vomiting
- New cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea

Please do not bring your child back to preschool until your child(ren) has been fever free (WITHOUT FEVER-REDUCING MEDICINE) for at least 24 hours, and is feeling well and has been symptom free for 24 hours with any items listed above.

### **Toys and Other Items from Home**

Please do not send pacifiers, bottles, toys and other items from home with your child. In the long run, bringing things from home just makes the transitioning to school more difficult for all the children, rather than offering the comfort they really need.

### **What to Wear**

- Clothing for preschool should be simple, comfortable, meant for play and appropriate for the weather. Pants and shorts should be the kind to enable your child to gain independence in caring for himself/herself.
- **For safety and comfort, children are required to wear fully-enclosed tennis/athletic shoes to preschool. Please do not send your child to school in jellies, sandals, flip-flops, boots, crocs, slides, wheelies, or dress shoes. These types of shoe may make it unsafe and difficult for children to run, climb, and jump (especially when the shoes continuously get filled with mulch!).**
- Please send an extra set of clothes to be kept at preschool. Place the clothes in a gallon size zip-lock bag with your child's name on the bag.

### **Holiday Celebrations for 3's and 4's**

Holidays are a fun and important part of our preschool curriculum. During the COVID outbreak and for the health and safety concerns, CCPP will unfortunately not welcome parents and/or visitors to our classrooms.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

Due to COVID, our preschoolers will not be allowed to utilize the water fountain in our building. Please feel free to provide an extra water bottle for your child if necessary.

#### **2 Year Olds-**

- Please bring a lunchbox each day of class with a healthy snack and labeled drink (in a pop-up or flip top drink container).

#### **3 and 4 Year Olds-**

- Please bring a lunchbox each day of class with a healthy snack and drink (in a pop-up or flip top drink container).
- Recommended snacks for 2's, 3's and 4's are crackers, cheese, muffins, fruit, veggies, yogurt (yogurt in cups only please), sandwiches, milk, juice, water, or chips.
- Please do not send candy, sugary snacks, soft drinks, or popcorn to preschool with your child.

### **Back Packs/Carry-Alls**

All Children are asked to please provide a back pack or a carry-all bag for your child to bring to school daily. **Please consider an open top canvas carry-all bag instead of a zippered backpack to allow for easy independent pack-up.**

### **Behavior Management Policies**

"1,2,3, Magic" will be introduced and implemented for behavior management of your child. The premise of this behavior program is setting realistic expectations and communicating these expectations to your child in a manner they can understand. When an expectation is not being met, the teacher will count. If the teacher makes it to 3 the child will take a "break". This program allows the child to learn the important concepts of problem solving, natural consequences, and self-discipline. Aggressive behaviors result in an automatic "break". This program encourages good behavior through the use of praise. (If you would like more information on this program, or would like to check out a 1,2,3 Magic book, please contact your child's teacher.)

### **Aggressive Behavior**

At times it may become necessary to find alternative methods of helping a child understand that his/her behavior is inappropriate. The following steps have been developed by the Preschool Committee and Staff to help deal with continued discipline problems and will be used when all other alternatives have failed (order of occurrence may vary):

1. Observation/evaluation by the Preschool Moderator;
2. One day out of preschool (parents will be asked to work with their child concerning the inappropriate behavior demonstrated);
3. One week out of preschool (again, parents will be asked to work with their child concerning the inappropriate behavior demonstrated);
4. Permanent dismissal when all efforts have been exhausted. Tuition will remain the same even though days might be missed due to these disciplinary measures, permanent dismissal excluded.

### **Biting**

No parent likes to be told that their child has been bitten at preschool, but biting incidents sometimes occur with young children. While we understand that little ones might bite, and biting is a natural part of the growth process, we do our best to provide a safe classroom environment for all the children in our care. If a child bites, we will work with that child to help him/her understand that biting is not acceptable, and try to help the child find other ways of expressing himself/herself. We encourage parents of biters to work with the child at home as well. Continued biting will result in the child being sent home for the day (usually on the third incident) and being sent home each time thereafter when a biting incident occurs.

### **Conferences**

Conferences and visitations are vital for parents and teacher to work closely together. At any time, you may request a conference with your teacher after school to protect instructional time and privacy. Teachers may request a conference as well.

### **Students with Special Needs**

Unfortunately, our preschool is not equipped, nor is it staffed, to serve children with special needs. Students who are identified as special needs during the Preschool year will be evaluated by the staff, Preschool Committee, and any other professionals as needed to determine where and how to best meet the needs of the student.

**Questions/Concerns Regarding Our Preschool**

If you have a question or concern regarding our staff, our policies, or our preschool program, we ask that you first address your questions/concerns with your child's teacher and she will be glad to set up a conference time to talk with you. If your concern is not resolved to your satisfaction after speaking with the teacher, then please contact the Preschool Moderator, Delores Worrell, at (910) 325-3613.

**Church Staff**

Pastor - Ben Burrows

Church Secretary - Tracy Antonelli

**Preschool Administrative Board of Directors**

Moderator - Delores Worrell

Treasurer - Tracy Antonelli

At Large Members - Pastor-Ben Burrows

Blanche Phillips

Norman Skinner

Debbie Starliper

Lead Teacher - Beth Stevens

If you would like to speak with any member on the Preschool Administrative Board of Directors, please call the church office and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

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