



Let's Be **HEROES** for our Bilingual Whiz Kidz together.

Hygien e. We wash our hands and cover coughs and sneezes.

Empower. We take precautions to protect ourselves and others

Recognize. We know the symptoms and stay home if we're sick.

Organize. We work together to stay together to minimize exposure

Space. We maintain social distance whenever possible.

Embrace. We follow these guidelines for the greater good.

Bilingual Whiz Kidz COVID-19 Protocols

At Bilingual Whiz Kidz, the Health and Safety of our children is our highest priority. Our COVID-19 Protocols are included within our robust Health and Safety Plan and are detailed below as part of our **HEROES** program. As a preschool, we also recognize that child health includes social, emotional, and mental and spiritual well-being in addition to pandemic protocols. Providing a safe place for children to learn and grow together can be critically important to establish a sense of comfort and normalcy.

Our **HEROES** campaign is designed to guide our approach to life at the preschool in the fall, but also to encourage the entire BWK community to work together to mitigate community spread.

We have been operating under the highest level of the state guidelines for screening, cleaning, and distancing protocols since February 15th. We will ensure our children are nurtured, loved, and joyfully engaged in their preschool experience in this new reality.

Our **HEROES** procedures include:

1. Modified Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- Parents must come to the front door to sign their child(dren) in/out and wait for their child(dren) within the outer lobby area.
- Hand hygiene stations with sanitizer are located at the entrance of the school.
- Staff members will walk children to their classes. Once they enter their classroom, students will wash their hands with soap and water.
- Parents and teachers are to wear a face mask.

2. Screening Procedures/Wellness Checks Upon Arrival

- All staff and students will be screened upon arrival and will not be permitted to enter with any of the following criteria. Temperatures will be taken by staff during Dropoff/Pickup.
- Staff members taking temperatures will wear masks.
- If a child shows signs of illness in the classroom, they will immediately be removed and isolated in a private area. Parents will be asked to pick their child up and keep their child home for a 24-hour period to monitor the illness.
- If a child tests positive for COVID-19, all children from that classroom will be sent home for 48 hours during which time an extensive cleaning of the classroom will take place.
- Any positive tested children will not be permitted to return for 14 days or until they can provide a negative test result.
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3. Social Distancing Strategies

- Class ratios will meet the state and local social distancing requirements.
- No parents are allowed within the facility until further notice (except in case of emergency). We know how this feels, but the need to limit exposure is paramount. We will joyfully welcome parents back on campus as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Playground times will be staggered and only one class will use the playground at a time.
- Classroom parties and school events will be “children only”. We will provide you with live streaming experiences, videos or pictures so you can be part of all these magical moments as much as possible.

- Children will not rotate to different classrooms or mix with other groups.
- We will add extra outdoor activities, as feasible, based on health recommendations.
- We are increasing the distance between children at Circle Time, table activities, in line, and at other activities, where feasible. We realize that these are young children and they may not *always* comply, but we have also learned that they catch on to new rules quickly and are generally very adaptable!
- For rest time, nap mats will be placed head to toe and as far apart as possible.

4. Intensified Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures

- We have intensified our cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures using hospital-grade, EPA certified disinfectants throughout the day.
- We follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and sanitizing toys and surfaces whenever possible with a special focus on high-touch surfaces, doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, etc.
- Bathrooms are cleaned 3x/day.
- Children and staff will wash hands consistently throughout the day, including before and after eating, using the restroom, playing outside, handling trash, etc.
- Playground equipment is cleaned between classroom visits.

5. Additional Measures

- All staff members are required to complete the new trainings required by the state of Texas: "Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Emergency Childcare Settings" and "Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19."
- All staff members will wear masks covering their noses and mouths in the school when it is not possible to maintain 6 ft. distance.
- We ask parents to please refrain from sending any toys from home.
- Parents are also asked to send a change of clothes with the children.

Keeping our students and staff SAFE while still learning and maintaining a joyful environment is our top priority. As a preschool, we recognize that child health includes social, emotional, and mental well-being. Providing a safe place for children to learn and grow together is critically important to establish a sense of comfort and normalcy.