

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited to be back at school and we wanted to share some information with you about our upcoming year.

Our learners will not be required to wear masks, but we will support your choice. We will help learners build up stamina while wearing a mask per parent request, if desired. This is completely optional for our program. If you would like your learner to wear a mask on the bus you will need to make sure that they have it on when boarding the bus, and we will put it on them before the bus ride home. Staff will be wearing masks or face shields that allow learners to see the teacher's mouth for speech concerns and will help with slowing the spread of disease.

If your learner is sick, has a fever, or is coughing, please keep them home. If they develop these symptoms at school, a parent will be called to come and get them. Learners are required to have two in-town emergency contacts. Please come to registration with this information. We will have a sick room area for learners to wait for parents to pick them up. Our learners will not be penalized for attendance this year as we work with parents to overcome fears about attending in-person class sessions. This differs from the district's attendance policy for K-12 where attendance will be monitored.

We will be taking special measures here at school to keep everyone safe. We will be cleaning in-between each session with disinfectant. We have increased our cleaning schedules to ensure that learners will be able to attend both sessions each week. We will be keeping cohorts of learners together and not mixing groups. Temperatures will be taken before learners board the bus and at the front door of the building prior to entering the building. NO parents will be allowed in the building for either program at Lincoln. Learners will be dropped off and picked up at the front door. If your child's classroom has an outside door (Miss Angela & Miss Lisa), you can drop them off there instead of coming to the front door. We will not be sharing any group times with Head Start.

We have a virtual learning classroom option if you would be interested in that versus an in-person class. This will be taught by one teacher and it may not be the teacher your learner was assigned to in the spring. If you choose this option, all services will be provided virtually to the best of our abilities. Please contact the school at 208-232-2994, or email the principal @ bolindde@sd25.us, or our school secretary @ baergeca@sd25.us by Monday, August 24th, if you are interested in the virtual option. You can switch your learner to an in-person class at any time. Again, you may end up with a different teacher due to caseload sizes. We will have four sessions this year. Your teacher will call you and let you know which session your learner has been assigned to. The session times are:

Tues and Thurs. 8:00 - 10:30

Wed and Fri 8:00 - 10:30

Tues and Thurs. 11:30 - 2:00

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Due to COVID and concerns, IEP meetings and testing appointments, as appropriate, will be held via phone conference or Google Meet until further notice.

Registration will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25th and 26th.

We are in the process of updating our school website. Please check it frequently. You can access the website through the school district website at <https://www.sd25.us/>. The direct link to our school website is <https://www.sd25.us/21/Profile>.

We look forward to working with you and your learners this year.

Sincerely,

The Lincoln Early Intervention Staff

