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SUMMARY

Bloom Academy COVID Procedures and Policies

To ensure that we are able to lessen the exposure of children to additional groups, children will only mix with children within their pod, see description of pods below. Children will be dropped off and picked up within their pod. To do this, we will be slightly modifying our hours. Beginning Monday, August 31st we will open at 7:00 am daily and close at 5:30 pm. This means that we will not have super early care at the Punta Gorda location until further notice. We are trying our absolute best to prepare for COVID situations and avoid complete school closures due to exposure. Closing at 5:30 pm allows for children to remain in their pod until close, avoiding the combining that occurs during the last 15 minutes.

Additional Procedures in place:

1. **External Drop Off and Pick Up:** Only staff, students and authorized personnel are permitted within the building.
2. **Daily Health Checks:** All students and staff will have their temperature taken prior to entry. Temperatures over 100 degrees will not be permitted.
3. **Staff and students experiencing symptoms of illness will be required to remain out of school until they have been 48 hours symptom free.**
4. **Parents will complete a daily health questionnaire via the procare connect application.**
5. **Staff will complete a daily health check questionnaire.**
6. **Children will only be combined with other children within their pod. A pod at the Punta Gorda location consists of classrooms that share a bathroom. Founder's Square location will have two pods (yellow, green, red) (blue, orange 1, orange 2).**
7. **The Atelier at the Punta Gorda location will not be used for early morning drop off until further notice to avoid mixing beyond a child's pod.**
8. **Staff and adults that enter the building are required to wear a mask and keep it on when 6 feet of social distance cannot be maintained.**
9. **A Net Zero disinfectant fogger has been purchased by each location. As soon as it arrives, we will begin to fog every classroom daily at close to ensure that each classroom has a fresh start each day.**
10. **Playground toys will be disinfected between groups.**
11. **Floating staff members will be required to maintain 6 feet of social distance when aiding in classrooms.**
12. **Soft toys and pillows will not be used within the classrooms.**
13. **Children in the VPK and school age classrooms will have assigned writing utensils that will be used only by that child.**
14. **While group sizes of 10 or less may not be feasible in some age groups, large group activities within the classrooms and playground will be discouraged and avoided.**
15. **Additional handwashing will be encouraged.**
16. **Bloom will continue with all daily cleaning and disinfecting schedules that are in place.**
17. **Nightly, professional cleaning of the facility will continue.**
18. **The sickness policy will be followed without exception.**
19. **Doctors notes will not supersede the sickness policy, the 48 hour rule will apply to all children experiencing symptoms of illness.**