Handbook COVID-19 Addendum, SY 20-21

- 1. Children in preschool shall NOT be required to wear masks. Each child will be assigned a table shield which can be used anytime children are seated at a table.
- Staff ARE required to wear face coverings; face shields also are available to staff.
 Classroom teaching teams will determine a schedule to allow for face covering/mask breaks.
- 3. Cohorting is the primary prevention strategy for preschoolers due to the unrealistic nature of asking preschoolers and preschool staff to maintain social distancing. As a result, classroom size will be consistent with current CT Office of Early Childhood guidance.
- 4. Each cohort/classroom group will be maintained as strictly as possible.
- 5. All children coming to school by bus will be met by classroom staff and escorted directly to their classroom. At dismissal, children will be escorted to the bus by their classroom staff.
- 6. Parent drop off and pick up will take place at specific exterior doors. Each classroom will have an assigned door. Staff will sign children in and out of the building. Parents/family members are expected to maintain social distancing while waiting to drop off/pick up. Due to COVID-19, no parents and/or visitors will be allowed into the building.
- 7. Classroom environments will continue to support the learning and social-emotional needs of preschool children however teachers may
 - Reduce the number of children allowed in each center.
 - Distance centers/tables when appropriate
 - Space children apart during meals and rest.
 - Create individual containers for frequently used materials (crayons, glue stick)
- 8. Heightened cleaning and disinfection will take place.
 - Surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, especially toys and games, are part of a routine of cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection.
 - Materials will not be shared with other classrooms, unless they are thoroughly cleaned.
 - Frequently touched playground surfaces will be cleaned prior to each classroom's use.
 - Enhanced overall cleaning will be provided by school custodial staff.