

Extended Child Care Parent Handbook



**Centerville Baptist Extended Child Care
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Enriching Young Lives

Overview of Programs

We are owned and operated by Centerville Baptist Church. Centerville Baptist Church Weekday Children's Ministries offers unique opportunities for children and families of our community. Our weekday programs include the Extended Child Care program and Preschool program. Each of these ministries serves a specific need, but is designed to work together and complement each other. Our programs provide a warm, caring and safe church based environment. We believe a child is one of God's greatest gifts and we are honored to care for God's gifts while **enriching those young lives through caring relationships and creative recreation.**

Supply List

Parents are asked to provide their child with the following items to begin the program:

Infants/toddlers: spray disinfectant, paper towels, and tissues

Preschool 2's/3&4's: gallon bags, baby wipes, and hand sanitizer (the preschool program will provide a list of items needed for school)

K – 5th: loose leaf paper, pencils, and index cards

Program Goals

To help with a successful transition between home, school and the Extended Child Care. To foster intellectual, emotional, spiritual, physical and social growth and development by offering a variety of semi-structured activities, Centerville Baptist Extended Child Care directs its efforts towards the following objectives:

- To incorporate “Christian” values into daily living
- To develop community awareness with respect for diverse cultural, ethnic and family origins
- To instill ethical and responsible behavior, cooperation, tolerance and appreciation for others
- To furnish an environment that nurtures a positive self-image
- To learn to resolve differences through verbal communication
- To offer opportunities to encourage decision-making abilities

Goals for the Children

- To make a successful transition between home, school and the Extended Child Care
- To learn to be with other children
- To develop interest, through experience
- To mature in security and feelings of success
- To promote personal responsibility and self-control
- To improve creativity

Infant Program:

Our Extended Child Care **Infant Program** is designed for children between the ages of 6 weeks - to 12 months. Infants will be provided with a nurturing caring environment with stimulating activities. On a daily basis sufficient diapers, wipes, food, etc. should be supplied to care for your child. Parents will provide all utensils needed for feeding. All napping items will be supplied by Extended Child Care.

Toddler Program:

Our Extended Child Care **Toddler Program** is designed for children between the ages of 12 months- 24 months. Toddlers will be provided with a nurturing caring environment with stimulating activities and educational toys. On a daily basis sufficient diapers, wipes, food, etc. should be supplied to care for your child. Parents will provide all utensils needed for eating. Napping items will be supplied by Extended Child Care.

Preschool 2's:

Our Extended Child Care **Preschool 2's class** is for children enrolled in the Weekday Preschool Program who need before and after care along with all day care on days child does not attend preschool. All day care is

provided by Extended Child Care on days the preschool is closed for teacher workdays. This class allows the children to experience social activities in a semi structured environment. This program is available from the first day of preschool through the last day of preschool. Potty training is a parent/teacher partnership with classroom reinforcement. Pull ups are allowed. On days children will attend preschool they will be taken to school by 8:50 am. Parents will need to **provide an am snack** that is placed in a snack bag separate from the child's lunch on school days. They will return to Extended Child Care by 12:00 pm, where they will **eat lunch that is provided from home**. All children receive 1 ½ hours of quiet time while watching a movie. Napping items will be provided by the program. This includes a cot, sheet, pillow and a light blanket. Children are just required to rest. Followed by an **afternoon snack provided by the parent** and enjoy recreation time and free play. You will receive emails from school weekly so please check for those so you stay well informed. We only provide information pertaining to Extended Child Care.

Preschool 3&4's:

Our Extended Child Care **Preschool 3&4's class** is for children enrolled in the Weekday Preschool Program who need before and after care. It is required that the children be at least 3 years old and potty trained. This class is for **the more independent preschool child**. This class allows the children to experience social activities in a semi structured environment. This program is available from the first day of preschool through the last day of preschool. Children will be taken to school by 8:50 am. Parents will need to provide an am snack that is placed in a snack bag separate from the child's lunch on school days. They return to Extended Child Care by 12:00 pm, where they will **eat lunch that is provided from home**. All children receive 1 ½ hours of quiet time while watching a movie. Napping items will be provided by the program. This includes a cot, sheet, pillow and a light blanket. Children are just required to rest. Followed by an afternoon snack provided by the program, and enjoy recreation time and free play. Care will be provided by the program on days the preschool is closed for teacher workdays. You will receive emails from preschool weekly so please check for those so you stay well informed. We only provide information pertaining to Extended Child Care.

Extended Child Care now provides **Breakfast Bunch to Preschool children** who are not enrolled in Extended Care fulltime. This service is from 6:30 am – 8:50 am. This is by reservation only. Please contact the program at least 24 hours in advance. You will be asked to sign a contract for this service and billed monthly through us.

K-5 Before and After care:

Our Extended Child Care **K-5 Before and After** care classes are designed for children attending public school. (Butts Road Primary, Butts Road Intermediate, and Southeastern Elementary) The public school bus will drop children off. Snack will be provided once all buses have arrived. Children will have one hour to complete homework and then enjoy recreation time and free play.

Summer Camp:

Our Extended Child Care offers a **summer camp** that operates between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and runs from the last week of June through the months of July and August. This excludes the week following public school closing and the week prior to public school starting. **For current Preschool** children we allow 3 additional weeks between Preschool ending and public school ending. (Please see Directors for more information.) This is a semi structured weekly theme based program which includes recreation, science activities, crafts, water play and one field trip a week for Kindergarten – 5th grade children. The program participates in the Church sponsored Vacation Bible School.

*Please send your child with a book bag to hold items brought to and or made at Extended Child Care. Please include an extra change of clothes (anything can happen) and anything they may need for the day.

Staff

The Director oversees all aspects of the program. With the help of the Assistant Director they supervise the staff members. The Director works with the Pastor and the Church Council in implementing the program.

All staff have been certified to be free of any disabilities by their own physician, which would prohibit care or supervision of children as required by VDSS. Staff members have received a Criminal History Fingerprint check through the Virginia Record & FBI Screening and Search of the Central Registry from Child Protective Services for child abuse and neglect prior to employment. Additionally, staff members participate in workshops/online trainings throughout the year to update skills and review requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia which includes certification in basic First Aid and CPR, a Daily Health Check and Recognizing signs of Child Abuse and Neglect and are mandated reporters of such.

Admission requirements

Enrollment forms will remain on file throughout the school year. Parents must inform the Director when significant changes occur regarding the child, or a change in the home environment occurs. Personal information is kept strictly confidential. All children enrolled will be placed in age appropriate classes

All pages in the enrollment package must be read and completed accurately. The commonwealth of Virginia mandates information regarding parental employment, contact information, etc.

In the event of parental separation or divorce, if sole custody is awarded to the parent making application for admission, a copy of the court document regarding the status of the non-custodial parent’s access to the child, should be provided to the Director.

In accordance with code of Virginia parents must supply the most recent immunization record. Also required is proof of the child’s identity. State certified birth certificate, passports, social security card or official adoption records are valid proof of identification.

Failure to provide proof within the first seven days of attendance must be reported to local law enforcement.

Insurance information is requested in the event the child needs emergency medical attention while in our care.

Additional Charges

Overdue payments will be charged a \$5.00 late fee per week or a maximum of \$25.00 per month.

Checks returned for insufficient funds are subject to a \$25.00 penalty. We will request payment in money order, or certified check after the second incident.

Late pick -up charges of \$1.00 per minute per child will be due and payable upon pick-up for the first incident. Thereafter, any tardiness will incur a charge of \$2.00 per minute. If these incidents become regular we will cancel services.

A Fob replacement fee of \$10.00 will apply if a parent/guardian misplaced the fob. All fobs are to be returned when services end or replacement fee will be charged.

Keep informed

Sign up for important updates with the **Remind App** right on your phone or through email. You will not receive paper notifications from the office.

Childcare Tax Deduction

We will provide our Federal Tax Identification number, and/or provide needed documentation of tuition costs paid to the program.

Conduct and Discipline

A positive learning environment begins with parents, teachers and students understanding the basic standards of acceptable behavior.

Teachers will not ignore a child's behavior that endangers anyone. "Time-Out" will be used as a positive discipline strategy that allows the child to withdraw from a situation when he/she loses emotional control, is extremely angry or endangers his/her own safety, or the safety of someone else. Any child consistently displaying inappropriate behavior will be given a verbal warning prior to following our three-strike policy.

1. **Written notice**
2. **One day's suspension**
3. **Dismissal from program**

Children will be held responsible for items intentionally broken or damaged due to poor judgment or behavioral issues.

Illness

The VDSS regulates childcare centers and preschools across the state. They regulate many facets of our operation, including health and safety regulations.

The health and safety of every child is our first priority. In an effort to prevent the spread of communicable disease, and in accordance with guidelines from the Department of Health, we must screen children daily for signs and symptoms of illness. **Children exhibiting symptoms of sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, severe running nose, (even allergy related), conjunctivitis, etc. must be excluded. Children are eligible to return to school when they have been symptom free for a twenty-four hour period without fever medication.** Please contact the Directors with any questions about exclusionary illnesses.

Outdoor play is healthy even in winter. Fresh air is healthy. Germs causing viruses and diseases multiple indoors during winter months. We wish to improve the health of the children in our care by having the children play outdoors in the fresh air even in the cool winter months.

Occasionally, it becomes necessary to summon parents to pick up a child that has become ill. Every ill child will be isolated, as much as possible, within the confines of the school, until he/she is released into the care of the parent or the appropriate care provider. Children need to be released within thirty (30) minutes of parent/guardian notification.

In the event a severe contagious illness is reported an immediate closure of the program will instituted while we gather information to determine how to proceed safely. Prior to reopening, professional cleaning and disinfecting will occur. The program will remain closed until cleared to safely reopen. Tuition will continue during this time. In the event of closure longer than 14 days, directors will reevaluate agreements.

Administration of Medication

The program has made the decision to Administer Medication to children in the program. We will administer prescription as well as non-prescription medication in accordance with the physician's or other prescriber's instructions. Administrators will have valid MAT training, CPR and first aid certification which covers all ages of children in the program. We will administer prescriptions using the following routes: topical, oral, inhaled, eye, and ear, medication patches and epinephrine using auto injectors.

Our policy to administer Medication will be made available to parents at the time of enrollment, whenever changes are made and upon request. If a child needs medication during the day, parents must complete a “Medication Consent Form” for each medication to be administered. If it is an over the counter medication to be given no more than 10 days we just need parent consent. If a prescription medication is needed, in addition to the parent the prescribing physician must complete the designated area or submit a statement to the manner in which the child is to medicate.

Safety

Supervision of children in the parking lot, lobby and elsewhere in the facility is the responsibility of every adult: staff as well as parents and caregivers. We request once a child has been signed out by their parent/guardian and they have taken responsibility for the child that they are not allowed to return to the class, or playground without the parent/guardian to guarantee proper supervision.

Every child is expected to wear appropriate protective clothing adequate for the weather and season. Shoes and socks are required every day. Open-toe and open-heel shoes are inappropriate for children’s school wear. Shoes must fit the child properly. No flip flops. Tennis shoes are always a good choice for active children. Remember children play and participate in activities that are messy so, clothes may sustain dirt, paint, sand etc.

Summer camp water play activities include wading. We require children to wear water shoes for these activities. Summer camp description will give more information.

Please acknowledge that risks of accidental injury are incidental to conduct of normal group participation, playground activities, and play in the gym. All areas of play pose opportunities for injury. The staff will supervise all activities to decrease incident and deter inappropriate behavior.

We use two way radios to communicate amongst the staff. If ever there is an incident we can communicate and take action quickly.

Emergencies

Staff members have been instructed in procedures for conducting fire drills on a monthly basis, and will be practiced by the teachers and children on a routine basis.

Lockdown procedures will be implemented to prevent potential physical harm as a security precaution. In the event of an emergency the building will remain on lockdown until notified by police or emergency personnel.

Immediate actions will be taken when sudden and violent weather conditions occur during the Extended Care hours. Directors will follow the National weather service’s directions. Children and staff will take shelter in the interior portion of the facility, away from windows and doors. We will be in radio contact with each staff member at this time.

In the event we are required to evacuate the building due to an emergency, students will be escorted to our emergency relocation center: Grant’s Taekwondo Center at 1022 Centerville Turnpike South Chesapeake, VA 23322. Parents will receive a message or phone call and a notice will posted at the entrance.

We will follow the directions of the Chesapeake Public Schools on all occasions or in the event when schools are already on break we will follow the City of Chesapeake’s **closings, delays in opening or early closings. (Example if public school closes 2 hours early the program will close at 4:00pm)** If for any reason Directors feel our staff and children are in danger we will close early and parents will be notified.

Staff members trained in first aid and CPR respond to minor emergencies. First aid supplies are available for immediate use. Emergency medical assistance will be requested when necessary through the 911-response system.

Arrival and Departure procedures

Parents/guardians **MUST** park in the parking lot and enter the building using the access control system which maintains lockdown of the building. Every family will be assigned two key fobs for accessing the building. Parents/Guardians are required to sign their child/children in and out in the main attendance book. Children under 5 will be escorted to and from their designated area. School age children will be checked in on the main attendance once they have arrived from school and have been checked into their designated classroom first. No child will be released to anyone other than those who are authorized to pick up. We will request to see ID's of anyone picking up. Please do not go to playgrounds to see your children until you have entered the building and have been identified by a staff member. Also, do not let anyone in the building without authorization from a staff member, even delivery persons. This needs to be at the discretion of the staff. These requests are made for the safety of every child in our care.

Calendar

Our Extended Child Care calendar will be available **upon completed updates from the Public Schools**. Closings and holidays will be outlined.

Observed holidays:

New Years Day	Easter Monday/Good Friday	Veteran’s Day
New Years Eve Close @ 5:00	Memorial Day	Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Fourth of July	Christmas Eve
President’s Day	Labor Day	Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on the weekend the calendar will be adjusted as needed to observe the named holidays. If the holiday falls on Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday. If the holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday.

We do not recognize weather make up days Observed by Public School that may fall on our observed holidays.

Please see Extended Child Care calendar and summer camp notes for specific information.

Other Policies

We discourage children from bringing toys from home. If they are lost, misplaced or damaged we hold no responsibility. Preschool children can bring a single comfort item to have with them on their cots during quiet time. These items are not allowed in the classroom as play items. Guns or knives, real or pretend are not allowed in play.

Extended Child Care believes in the Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy and Santa Clause. We respect each families beliefs but with the understanding that family views to the contrary should be expressed at home not in the classroom.

Our program is not peanut/tree nut free. We request that parents of children with nut allergies pack extra snacks for your child as we do on occasion serve snacks with nuts or traces of such products.

If your child has attended a field trip or school activity where the parent/guardian may have signed the child out early from school, the child will not be accepted at after Extended Child Care until the normal drop off time.

Preschool children 11:45

Public school Children 2:30

CODE OF VIRGINIA COMPLIANCE

The Code of Virginia, Ss 63.2-1716., allows child day programs operated by religious institutions the opportunity to file for exemption from licensure by meeting documentation and other requirements specified within the exemption law.

In compliance with the above code Centerville Baptist Church operates the Weekday Children's Ministries, including the Preschool and Extended Child Care, are exempt from licensure and are classified as an **exempt** child day center. At the present time, our exemption expires mid February of each year.

Centerville Baptist Extended Child Care Ministries is in compliance with the regulations listed herein:

1. Centerville Baptist Church has a tax-exempt status as a non-profit religious institution, in accordance with Sub-Section 501 c of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, in that the real property owned and exclusively occupies by the religious institution is exempt from local taxation.
2. The physical facilities of the school are inspected annually by the Fire marshal, and the school has been deemed to be in compliance with regard to health and sanitation, water supply and uniform building codes.
3. Centerville Baptist is covered by public liability insurance which provides coverage in the event someone brings suit against the "church" for personal or bodily harm suffered during the operation of the ministries, due to negligence, in accordance with SS 63.1-196.3.A.6.
4. Each person in a supervisory position, new employees and Officers of the Governing Board have received a Fingerprint Criminal Records Clearance, signed a sworn disclosure and clearance by VDSS child abuse and neglect registry in accordance with S 63.2-1724.
5. Every staff member has been certified by a practicing physician to be free from disability, which would prevent her/him from providing proper care of the children under their supervision.
6. Centerville Baptist will employ staff members in accordance with the adult/child ratios, as established by the Commonwealth of Virginia., in compliance with SS 63.1-196.3.A.3b.
7. Staff members have been instructed and are able to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect. In accordance with Section 63.2-100, all cases of suspected physical/verbal/sexual abuse, as well as cases of suspected neglect, must be reported to the Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services, within seventy-two hours. 63.2-1509. Failure to report is a misdemeanor.
8. Staff members are trained and certified in CPR and First Aid.
9. Procedures have been implemented for a simple daily health screening and the exclusion of sick children, in accordance with SS 63.2-1716 B.3.
10. Procedures have been implemented for the appropriate supervision of children, including daily intake and dismissal procedures, in accordance with SS 32.1-46 A.
11. Procedures have been implemented to ensure that all areas of the premises accessible to children will be free from obvious injury hazards, including, but not limited to the playground areas.
12. Parents are required to submit a copy of the child's most recent immunization history, within ten days of acceptance into the school program, in accordance with Section 32.1-46. Or submit an affidavit on a form approved by the Department of Health stating immunizations conflict with religious practices. SS 32.1-271.2
13. The school has elected to have limited access to the kitchen facilities.
14. Our center will not hold more than 150 children at any one time.
15. Our center has implemented procedures for hand washing by staff and children before and after eating and toileting.
16. Staff members who transport children have a valid driver's license. Section 46.2 – 300.
17. Our 15 passenger buses will be inspected every 12 months and display a current inspection sticker. Section 46.2 – 1157
18. Our Buses carry liability insurance that meets code. Section 46.2 – 705 and 46.2 – 472
19. Our facility transports children in mini buses that meet all transportation safety standards of large passenger school buses. Our staff will ensure that any child who is transported by our center is secured by a seatbelt which meets code. Section 46.2 – 1095
20. Parents/guardians are required to show proof of a child's identity and age. As well as list any previous Child Care facility/locations. 63.2-1089.
21. Prescription Medication can only be administered by staff who have completed MAT training with written permission from the parent/guardian. SS 54.1-3408.