

Parents, please take a minute to familiarize yourselves with the Policies for The Grove. We will work together to keep our children healthy during the winter months. The Preschool/Children's Ministry of The Church at Avenue South seeks to provide the best possible learning environment for children. It is our commitment to teach children the Biblical message of God, Jesus, the Bible and the Church. We want to make sure each child will hear the message using age appropriate activities and resources. Our calling is to reach out to parents and partner with them in raising children who know and love Jesus.

PARENT POLICIES/GUIDELINES

1. All parents must register their child before taking their child to a classroom.
2. All children will be assigned rooms according to their age group.
3. Children may be brought to their specific age group room 15 minutes prior to the start of Sunday morning Grove Groups
4. Children may be taken to their room only by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or other family members designated by the parent. Those individuals other than mom or dad must follow the same procedures for check-in and pick up as do parents.
5. Parents need to designate any allergies or medical alert by placing the appropriate sticker (located at the Check-in kiosk) on their name tag along with the particular allergy or need written in. Those children being potty training need to have the sticker designated "Training", so that teachers may provide the best care for their child. Stickers are located on the kiosk beside the computer keyboard.
6. Parents may provide a safe snack to be given to their child. Please label the snack container.
7. We ask that toys and other play items brought from home be left with the parents or in the car.
8. Parents please label items in the diaper bag of your baby and one year olds. We ask all parents of preschoolers to leave their cell phone numbers with the classroom teachers using the appropriate space on the form outside of each door. Please leave your phone on vibrate so that we can call you if there is a need.
9. A Nursing Room is available to parents anytime during the time their child is at church. The room is located in the office suite area.
10. We ask parents not bring children who exhibit fever or any infectious symptom. We will notify the parent if symptoms begin after the child arrives and move the child to a safe place until a parent comes
11. We ask that parents keep us informed of any illness that might have occurred following the session. We clean toys during and after the sessions with babies and ones, so that everything is ready to use for the following hour or next day. All rooms are cleaned following the session.
12. Because we want to provide the best care for babies and ones, we do not feed baby foods to these children. Feeding, other than bottle feedings, require a lot of time from our teachers and would keep us from caring for others in the room.

13. We ask all parents and older children to remain outside the room when bringing or picking up their child from their classrooms. This will ensure the other children's safety and security.

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

1. For the protection of all children at our church parents are asked not to bring their children to church if they display the following symptoms:
 - A. Fever – currently or within the previous 24 hours
 - B. Vomiting (two or more times) or diarrhea in the previous 24 hours
 - C. Any symptom of a childhood disease such as scarlet fever, German measles, mumps, chicken pox or whooping cough
 - D. Common cold – from onset through one week
 - E. Sore throat
 - F. Croup or persistent cough
 - G. Any unexplained rash
 - H. Head lice
 - I. Green runny nose
 - J. Pink eye or other eye infection
 - K. Foot and mouth disease
2. If a child exhibits or develops any of these symptoms while at church, the child will be isolated and their parents will be contacted immediately by phone or texting. The parent will need take the child home.
3. If children begin to experience any infectious disease following a Sunday morning session, we ask that parents contact the office immediately.
4. Only parents will be able to administer medications.
5. Parents are asked to let us know when their child develops an allergy of any kind. Also, parents my place an allergy sticker on the child's name tag when check-in at church occurs. Parents are asked to write the allergy on the space provided on the sticker.
6. All teachers and volunteers are asked to wash their hands as soon as they enter the classroom and throughout the morning when needed.