

TCP Re-Opening FAQs

What can I expect for a school day to look like?

School will look so different from the TCP we know and love. However, it will be much safer given the current circumstances. Classes are just slightly shorter to accommodate for increased sanitizing and to line up with Tustin Unified's hybrid model. The school day will be completely outside and will include a more socially distanced circle time, reading time, lots of unstructured play, and finishing up with a snack similar to the prior schedule.

We are not comfortable attending school yet. However if the COVID-19 situation improves we may like to attend in the future. How do I ensure a spot in the class?

There are a few options on how to approach this. You can enroll in the in-person class to ensure a spot when you are ready to return. You will have access to all the at-home offerings in the interim. Another option is to enroll in the at-home option, however you will lose your spot in the in-person classes and when you are ready to return you can join the in-person class if there is space or go on the waitlist if there is no space.

If I choose to enroll in the in-person option to hold a spot in the class, but am not ready to return to school yet, do I still need to work in the classroom?

No, if your child is not participating in class please let the Membership Coordinators know and the class VP will not schedule you any working shifts. When you are ready to start joining in let the class VP know to include you in the work schedule.

What does the parent participation look like for in-class families?

At least to start off the school year, each small group will have both Ms. Shelley and Ms. Lizette as the teachers present with the students. No working parents will be in contact with the children. One parent will be assigned as the working parent for each class session. This parent will bring a pre-packaged snack for the class and work 'behind the scenes', away from the children, cleaning, sanitizing, and possible prepping as needed. Parent participation may increase if it becomes safe to do so and is approved by Social Services.

In addition to working in the classroom on occasion, parents will sign up for a few 'deep cleaning' sessions on the weekends throughout the year, one Dad's Work Day shift, and a committee job. These commitments are crucial to keep our school running and give parents some opportunities to connect with other parents. Parents are not responsible for extended day shifts, special event shifts, or parent meeting shifts as they usually are since we likely won't have those offerings.

Is there parent participation for TCP at-home families?

There is not. The at-home option is done completely at home and facilitated by parents with resources and support from TCP. Families in the at-home option are not required to complete the full registration packet and are not required to get a livescan. They also, therefore, are not able to be on campus. If you would like to help out the school in some capacity working from home, please let membership know and we always welcome help, but it is not required for at home families.

What safety measures are being taken regarding COVID-19?

- Classes are broken into pods of no more than 10 kids.
- Classes will be outdoors only.
- Temperature checks will be taken upon arrival for students, working parents, and teachers.
- Hand washing and/or using hand sanitizer will occur regularly for students throughout the class day.
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing.
- Teachers and working parents are required to wear face coverings while on campus and parents are required to wear a face covering for drop off and pick up. Children ages 2 and over are encouraged to try wearing a face mask.
- Drop off and pick up will be moved to the gate so parents are not on campus unless they are scheduled for a working shift.

I already paid the first month's tuition once when I enrolled. How does that work with the new rates?

The amount paid in tuition will be credited towards whichever option you choose (in person or at home, plus any additional family take home packets).

I enrolled my child for the 3 Day AM and based on my older child's change in school schedule, the 3 Day PM class is now more preferable. Can I change classes?

Little did we know when we enrolled back in February all the changes coming our way! You may request to change classes by emailing the Membership Coordinators at membership@tcp4kids.org. Changes are based on whether there is space available in the class and are on a first come first serve basis.

Are masks required?

Teachers, staff, and parents on campus for their working shifts are required to wear a face covering. Children age 2 year and older are encouraged to wear a face covering while at school. We do realize some children may struggle with keeping masks on and it is not required, but

encouraged as much as each child is able to. Parents should also wear a face covering while dropping off and picking up their child from school. For more information about face covering here are the CDC recommendations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

My child in TK or Kindergarten is now attending their respective school virtually. Can they come back to TCP?

TCP is licensed to care for children up to 6.9 years of age. Siblings who are attending school virtually or homeschooling this year and who do not turn 7 until on or after May 20, 2021 may attend TCP. Email the membership coordinators at membership@tcp4kids.org to see if there is space available in the class.