



# Main Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School Guidance for Parents October 2020

We are delighted to begin Sunday School again, recommencing on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October during the Morning Service. The morning service will be shorter as a result. We really hope children will be able to come, we've missed them, and are planning fun, safe, socially distanced activities! Here are some guidelines and information, to help keep everybody safe, which may change according to PCI and government protocols. We will keep you informed of this as necessary.

- Children must be of school age to attend Sunday School. If your child is P1, and attending for the first time, let Esther know so we have seating and resources ready for your child.
- If a child or any member of their family displays any Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), or if returning from a country/area subject to quarantine, they should not attend and should follow gov. guidelines on self-isolation.
- Please download and fill in a copy of the Multi-Purpose parental consent form. You will find it on the Sunday School page on the Church website. It is really important we have up to date contact details for you. You can tick all the organisations your child normally attends in the hope that these may be able to run at some stage. Bring this with you on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> and leave it in the box provided in the vestibule outside the Main Hall.
- **DROP-OFF & COLLECTION:** We would ask older children to come in by themselves (P4+), as they do at school. They can be dropped off in the upper car park and escorted to the external double doors to the Main Hall area. We would ask that younger children (P1-3) would be dropped off by child's family, there will be a **one way system in operation**. Please enter from the external double doors to the main church hall area. **Please keep a distance of 2 metres from other parents**, drop your younger child/children at the door of the Main Hall and continue round into the main church building.  
On pick up after the church service – for all children, **ONE** parent should leave the main church and travel through the building to pick up their child/children. **Please keep a distance of 2 metres from other parents**, pick up your child/children at the door of the Main Hall without entering the hall, and continue out into the car park.  
**Drop off is between 10.50am and 11.00am, pick up is immediately after the church service.**
- Parents should wear masks inside the church buildings and in the church service itself.
- Parents and Children will sanitise their hands as they enter the buildings and children should sanitise again as they leave the hall.
- Children are encouraged to bring their own Bible but no other toys or resources.
- In the Sunday School Hall children will be seated at prearranged, assigned, socially distanced tables. Families will be seated together. Individual children will be seated at ends of tables at 1m+ distance. Seating plans will be kept for track and trace purposes. ***If a parent feels their younger child needs parental supervision to help them adhere to social distancing please speak to Esther so this can be arranged.***
- There will be four supervisors/leaders in attendance each week who will maintain a 2m distance from the children's tables, and wear visors, so we can chat and engage with your children! The main leader each week will be at a 4m distance from the children, and at that distance will not need to wear a visor.
- The format will be 'open' Sunday school, with songs\*, games and quizzes suited to the seating arrangements, memory verses, competitions and Bible stories using media clips etc.  
(\*The EA has recently advised that normal singing carries no more risk than speaking in a normal voice, particularly in children).
- Any worksheets and resources (eg pencils) will be kept in individual, name-labelled plastic zip folders, which can be wiped down and stored in church from week to week.
- An offering plate will be placed outside the Main Hall door and we would encourage children to bring an offering each week to contribute to the work of Sunday School and our Mission partners.