

PARENTS:

The following is helpful information that highlights new policies and procedures as well as safety standards we maintain in our children's ministry at Ogletown. This information is just a small portion of the expanded training content that all volunteers must do. We take your child(ren)'s safety very seriously and these policies and standards are in place to help us demonstrate our care for each and every child that enters our doors.



OUR MISSION

We exist to present the children that God entrusts us with mature in Christ (Col. 1:28), and we aim to do this by presenting the gospel in ways that honor the ages and stages of our children over time.

NEW CURRICULUM

- *This new curriculum communicates the gospel, is Christ-centered, and is focused on the heart. The lessons are all aligned from 2 year olds through middle school!*
- *This curriculum will aid in the discipleship for families with kids of multiple ages and children (through 5th grade) will be given a card each week containing discussion questions that fit those developmental differences.*

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OPENING CLASSROOMS

- **15-MINUTE RULE:** *As a standard, our goal is to open each classroom 15 minutes prior to the start of the designated hour. Children may not be dropped off prior to 9:30 a.m. for Sunday Bible Study, and prior to 10:45 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. service.*
- **TWO ADULT RULE:** *To best care for your child(ren), a classroom cannot be safely opened until two adult volunteers are present in the classroom. Please check with the coordinator on duty to be sure your child(ren)'s classroom(s) are open. We ask that you wait patiently in the lobby by the welcome desk until the classroom(s) are ready to be opened safely.*

BEHAVIOR & INTERVENTION

- **EXPECTATIONS:** *We expect all children who enter our classrooms to exhibit safe and respectful behavior that shows care for other children and the volunteers present. Children who are unable to exhibit this behavior may require intervention.*
- **INTERVENTION:** *Discipline in the classroom is necessary for the safety of all children and volunteers. It is never physical. It should be proactive, respectful, and ultimately point toward the Gospel. Children requiring intervention will be approached using the 3-count method:*

3-COUNT INTERVENTION

ONE: *Volunteer will speak to child, attempt to redirect his/her behavior and give a verbal warning*

TWO: *Volunteer will take child aside (in classroom) to reinforce and give a second warning*

THREE: *Volunteer will remove child from the classroom with a coordinator present and parents will be contacted. The child will remain outside the classroom for the remainder of the morning.*

CHECK-OUT

- **SAFETY STANDARD:** *Volunteers are required to check/match security tags. No child will be released to anyone except a designated guardian with a Family ID/Security Tag assigned at check-in. To this end, no one will be allowed in any Kids Connection wings without a Family ID/Security Tag. Please be careful to hold onto your tag throughout the morning!*