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## Admissions Agreement Addendum

August 2021

For 17 months now, in the midst of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic, we have all been living through some trying times. In reopening our school, please be assured that we have taken the safety and health of our students, your families, our staff, and their families very seriously at Le Petit Elephant Nursery and Preschool. In reopening our classrooms our infant center and preschool as created protocols and practices in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the public health officials of the State of California. As you probably are aware, this guidance has changed from time-to-time, and it is reasonable to anticipate that further changes in such guidance will be issued as our public health officials learn more about the variants of this disease and the mechanisms by which it is transmitted amongst unvaccinated children. We are fully committed to monitoring announcements about any such changes daily, and to modifying our protocols and practices on a timely basis to ensure that they remain in conformance with the most current guidance our public health officials provide.

There are important roles for all of us to play to protect our community, our families, and ourselves. In the same vein, we ask that you and all other parents of our students monitor the health condition of their children closely and refrain from sending them to our school on any day when they have a temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit and/or have any of the following common symptoms of Covid-19: a persistent cough, tightness in the chest, difficulty breathing, sore throat, nasal congestion, headache, aches and pains, diarrhea, or the symptoms of conjunctivitis (pink eye). We further ask parents of any students who are known to have come into contact with someone who is suffering from Covid-19 or who has manifested any of the common Covid-19 symptoms, to hold those children (and their sibling(s)) out of school for at least 7 days and to get a Covid19 test, even though those children themselves have no signs of health problems, to see if they develop any symptoms of Covid-19. For any students who must be held out of school for this reason or who are unfortunate enough to contract Covid-19, please let us know right away so we may send out an exposure notice to our families and staff.

For our part, we will implement the following measures to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection for all our students and our staff until our public health officials recommend changes or give us reason to believe that it is safe to discontinue them:

- Our drop-off window is strictly held to no earlier than 7:30am through 8:30am, no later. This is to enable our administrators to conduct temperature checks and health screenings each morning prior to drop off.
- Parents/guardians will not be able to enter our buildings or classrooms in order to minimize any risk to exposure. Children will be dropped off at the front entrance after their daily health check and will be taken to their classroom by their teacher. At pick up, they will be brought to you at the front entrance with their belongings from the day.
- Toys or stuffies from home will not be allowed at school, with the exception of nap lovies.
- Classrooms, hallways, playgrounds and bathrooms will be carefully sanitized every evening or before students arrive to begin their school day in the morning. These areas will be sanitized throughout the day as directed by the CDC and CCL guidelines, toys and surfaces will be sanitized daily, and the toilets will be sanitized daily as well. Any area observed to have come into contact with bodily fluids during the school day will be sanitized also.
- Upon arrival every day, all members of our staff and all of our students will be screened by having their temperatures checked using a non-contact forehead infrared thermometer and asked if they have experienced any of the common Covid-19 symptoms or have come into contact with anyone who they believe may have had such symptoms in the past 24 hours (or on days following school days, since they left school the day before). Any staff member or student who has a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, who has or reports any one or more of the common Covid-19 symptoms, or who has come into contact with someone known to have a Covid-19 infection or having such symptoms, will be sent home.

- All staff will be required to wear face masks throughout the school day while indoors and outdoors when within 6 feet of the children. Students are not required to bring masks with them to school but if they are sent each day, we will do our best to remind them to wear them. We will not force them to wear them and we ask that these are taken home daily for cleaning.
- To the greatest extent possible, social distancing (minimum 6 feet of separation) will be encouraged throughout the school day . We will not force any children playing together to stay apart as we recognize that your children are in our care in order to socialize and play safely.
- We will incorporate instructions on practices recommended to reduce the likelihood of Covid-19 infections into our classroom curricula. This will include instruction on frequent hand washing, the proper method for effective hand washing, and covering one’s mouth and nose if one must sneeze or cough.
- In the event we have any reason to believe that any of our students, despite our best efforts, has been exposed to Covid-19, we will promptly notify the parents of the affected students of the suspected exposure via an “Exposure Notice” through our communication app, Brightwheel.

The learning curve on Covid-19 and its subsequent variants since they have reached the United States has been very steep, but there is still much about the disease that even our most highly qualified infectious disease physicians and researchers do not know. *Despite all we are doing to prevent any exposure of our students and staff, we of course cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed, whether at Le Petit Elephant or elsewhere, or if exposed, that your child will not contract or carry the disease asymptotically. By signing below, you agree to waive any claims of liability against Le Petit Elephant Nursery and Preschool and to hold the school harmless if your child contracts Covid-19 despite our best efforts to prevent it.*

*In addition, by signing below, you are acknowledging that we at Le Petit Elephant Nursery and Preschool have no control over governmental measures, such as stay-at-home or quarantine orders, that could interfere with our ability to provide the full educational experience for your child. In the event we are unable to provide on-site care for your child because of such governmental actions, we will move back into a holding pattern until we can reopen again. By signing below, you understand and accept that we will not be able to provide full or partial tuition refunds in such circumstances.*

Child(ren)'s Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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