



Parent Handbook Policies & Procedures Windsor Vineyard Preschool 2022-2023

Welcome, we are so excited and honored to have your child part of Windsor Vineyard Preschool where we will offer a Pre-kindergarten class for those attending kindergarten next year, along with a preschool class for the younger children.

The staff of Windsor Vineyard Preschool is committed to serving families and seeing children succeed in their early childhood experience. The goal of our preschool is to nourish each child's physical, emotional, and social development by encouraging them to explore and grow their talents through biblical values and stories.

Children will have opportunities for development through large and small motor skills, themed music, crafts, art, prayer, Bible stories, and preparation for school. A balance of academic and learning through play will provide an opportunity for children to grow under the guidance of loving, Christian teachers.

To be able to maintain the high quality in our Windsor Vineyard Preschool, we have developed the policies and procedures covered in this handbook. We hope that it is helpful to you. Take the time to read through the handbook and to talk with your preschooler about the procedures and helpful policies she or he needs to know.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us!

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WINDSOR VINEYARD PRESCHOOL Mission:

Build character, school readiness, and learn of God's love for them in a nurturing Christian classroom.

Goals Windsor Vineyard Preschool exists to provide:

- A preschool where children can learn and develop in a loving, caring Christian setting.
- A positive first school and first-teacher experience.
- A structured balance of active, quiet, individual and group activities.

- An educational program that will help prepare each child for school through development of basic academic skills.
- Opportunities for enhancement of creativity through music and visual arts.
- An environment designed to establish and/or sustain each child in a relationship with Jesus Christ, which provides a basis for the development of healthy self-esteem

Philosophy: We believe that all children are given special, unique talents and gifts from God. When they are instructed in an experiential, loving and nurturing classroom and home environment, we believe they develop:

- A place where faith & learning grow together
- * A place of love, respect, and empathy for others
- A place of confidence, responsibility, and readiness for school

At Windsor Vineyard Preschool we provide a loving and respectful environment in which faith and learning grow. By playing and learning together, children build skills that set them up for success.

Statement of Belief: Windsor Vineyard Christian Preschool is part of the Vineyard Church with the mission of “Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.” The Constitution and bylaws of Windsor Vineyard Church govern our decision-making and policies.

Staff:

Wendy English- Director, has a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education and has taught preschool, Kindergarten -1st in public and private schools, participated with her four children in parent cooperative preschools. As Pastor of Children’s Ministry, she loves to sing and play the guitar. Wendy sees each day as a gift and each child as His treasure from above.

Ruth Brunner- is Preschool director qualified, holds a degree in Human Development, Elementary Education, and certified Gifted Education Prek-12. She serves in the capacity of teacher and advisor. Ms. Brunner loves the curiosity of children and watching them grow in the love of Jesus and God’s creation.

Class information:

Our two classes will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-11:30. We will offer a preschool class will be for students who are 4 by November 15th with a maximum class size of 12 students. New this year will be a Prekindergarten class (with a maximum of 14 students) for 5 to 7-year-olds who plan to enter kindergarten next year.

Registration: A registration form (available from the preschool or online) must be completed and returned to the Preschool. A \$50 per family registration fee will be due with the registration form to reserve a child’s place in the class or on the waiting list. Physical limitation needs are to be identified in writing on the registration forms provided. Registration fees will be returned to

families whose children we were not able to place in a class. All students must apply each year by submitting a completed and signed registration form and registration fee.

In addition to the registration form and fee, state regulations require parents to submit the following information for each child. The proper forms will be provided upon registration. Per licensing rules and regulations, all forms must be completed and submitted before beginning preschool. All students are eligible to apply for admission to Windsor Vineyard Preschool.

- Child Health Record (requires Doctor signature).
- Release Form.
- Immunization Forms (requires Doctor signature). Must be on provided form.
- Any additional Special Health Forms regarding allergies or medications, if applicable.
- Exemption Forms regarding immunizations, if applicable.

Tuition is \$260 per month:

- *First and last month Tuition due at registration*

(Tuition is due 1st week of the month, a \$20 late fee will be charged after 2nd week)

NO Supply Fee, we will post a list of supplies parents may donate.

Optional Lunch Bunch: You may request a spot in our lunch-bunch after-care from 11:30-12:30, children will bring their own lunch. The cost is \$12 per care day and paid in advance.

Credit for Absence Due to Illness Based on the following:

- First week: no credit
- Second consecutive week: 40% of monthly tuition
- Third consecutive week: 60% of monthly tuition
- Fourth consecutive week or more: full credit

A doctor's release is required to obtain a credit for absences. No credit is given for school holidays and vacation periods.

Withdrawal Policy: Windsor Vineyard Preschool requires two-week written notice of any intent to remove a child from the school. Tuition and fees must be paid for the two-week period. Refunds of unused tuition and fees shall be given for any notifications received before May 1.

No credit will be given for days the school is officially closed (holidays, inclement weather) A five-day grace period will be allowed for payments, following which the account will be considered delinquent and assessed a \$25 late fee.

License Under the State of Colorado Social Services: Windsor Vineyard Preschool is a Tax-Exempt Organization Christian Preschool ministry of Windsor Vineyard Church, which is a 501(c)(3) ID number 82-414-441 federal tax-exempt organization.

Parent Grievances: Windsor Vineyard Preschool is a licensed preschool with the Division of Child Care, Colorado Department of Human Services, 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. Concerns you do not feel comfortable discussing with staff may be directed to the Department of Human Services at (303) 866-5958.

Financial Aid Available as a licensed provider in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Families who qualify receive financial aid from the state to offset tuition in whole or in part. The program is administered through Weld County human services assistance/CCAP for details. Need-based funding for financial aid via Windsor Vineyard Church can be applied for after families have applied to CCAP first. Contact Director for information.

Arrival and Dismissal Information Class Times:

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday morning class times are 8:30-11:30am.

School Calendar: Preschool start date will be September 6, 2022. Plan to attend our 7pm parent orientation Thursday, September 1st at 6:30pm to meet staff and families. Your completed forms can be turned in at that time, along with last month May tuition. Check www.wvpreschool website for preschool and events, we will follow the Weldre4 school year holiday calendar.

Arrival Time is 8:30: There are benches outside the classroom for parents and children.

Dismissal Time is 11:30: It is important to your child's safety that you arrive to pick him/her up on time. Small children need this security. If you know that you are going to be detained, please notify the school immediately so that we can reassure your child. If you pick up your child late without having made prior arrangements, you will be charged the \$12 Lunch Bunch fee. A staff member will remain on the premises if any child has not been picked up. If a child remains after school session ends without any notification from parents, we will contact the parents, then emergency contact persons/others as needed.

Responsibility for Children: All children must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian or person designated on the personal information form provided to the Preschool.

Unless your child's teacher is specifically notified with a written and signed note, a child will not be allowed to leave with anyone not specified on his/her personal information form. Children wishing to visit another student's home after school hours must have a note granting permission from a parent. Such arrangements must be made prior to the start of the school day, as telephone calls home are allowed only in the case of special need.

Staff members are not allowed to drive children to or from school except in emergency situations. Windsor Vineyard Preschool shall assume responsibility for the child after the child has been signed in by the parent/guardian or designated representative and retains responsibility until signed out by the parent/guardian or designated representative.

Attendance: Regular attendance is essential to satisfactory completion of our program. Every child is expected, except in case of illness or other urgent reasons, to start school on the opening day and remain in regular attendance until the closing day. Parents or guardians shall notify the school when a child is absent via phone call or text message to staff, with reason for absence.

School Closures: Windsor Vineyard Preschool will close school due to inclement weather when Weld Re-4 School District is closed or announces a late start. Look on the Weld Re-4 website or listen to local radio for school closure information.

Guidance Policy

Our Commitment

Windsor Vineyard Preschool is committed to helping each student begin to reach his/her potential as a whole person. Part of our staff's responsibility is to guide students toward becoming mature, competent, self-directed citizens. While pursuing this goal we must remember that we are dealing with developing personalities. Our teachers will emphasize positive guidance measures which encourage healthy learning, promote responsibility, and self-control.

The following guidelines are used for attaining this goal:

1. The entire staff is responsible for supervising behavior.
2. A feeling of mutual respect should develop between the teacher and the student. We create this relationship by providing consistent care. Since our staff is small, the same teachers work with the children each day they are in preschool.
3. Control of classroom behavior is the teacher's responsibility and, when possible, should be handled by the teacher alone. However, when a problem of a serious nature arises, a note will be sent home with the child and a parent meeting will be held. In situations not resolved by teacher/parent interventions, recommendations will be made to an early childhood consultant or other specialist.
4. Students will be held responsible for the consequences of their actions and the consequences will relate to the offences. The staff focuses on positive instruction and the recognition of good behavior. Windsor Vineyard Preschool does not allow physical punishment or subjecting students to ridicule, sarcasm or other forms of verbal abuse.

Students learn by how a school is operated and knowing what is expected of them. For this reason, firm guidelines are provided that encourage and monitor students in their respectful treatment of one another, their teachers, and their school.

Character development: We're excited about growing caring children, knowing God's love for them, their parents, and their school.

Individualized Learning: Our program will provide referral information to the family as appropriate for any child for whom a developmental concern has been identified.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: We encourage open communication with parents to cultivate healthy relationships that help the growing child. Conferences are held two times per year. Additional conferences may be scheduled if parents or teachers feel it is necessary.

Non-acceptable Behaviors: The following are a list of non-acceptable behaviors of children and/or parents at Windsor Vineyard Preschool and will be handled on an individual basis. Parents will be notified if frequency and severity interfere with the learning and safety of others.

- Rudeness/disrespect for authority.

- Offensive language.
- Harassment of other children.
- Intentional physical harm or injury to another child or teacher.
- Intentional damage to school property or property of others.
- Persistent interference with the ability of classmates to learn and play.

Disciplinary Policy: Positive guidance strategies will be used. If extreme behavior continues after initial steps have been taken, the child will be directed to the re-focus chair until they are ready to enter back into classroom activities. Parents will be notified of concerns. If any of the above behaviors repeatedly occur, the Director will work closely with parents to establish a behavior plan tailored for the individual child.

An early childhood professional consultant may be contacted at the Director or parent's request, depending on the behaviors presented. Expenses, if any, of such consultation will be the responsibility of the parent(s). We will strive to work with families to address behavior issues before such action occurs.

Student Dismissal: A student may be dismissed for failure of the parent to be in accordance with school policies and/or pay tuition.

Positive Transitions: Starting and ending preschool are big events for children. These transitions can be difficult, and each child handles them differently. We want to help and support each child to ensure these are positive experiences.

Transitioning into Preschool: Parents are encouraged to visit the classroom with their child prior to enrollment. This gives the parent a chance to see what a typical preschool day looks like and the child an opportunity to play and interact with preschool children.

We hold two events before school begins to allow the children to transition into their preschool environment: our spring Open House tours held at enrollment time a few weeks before the first day of school. At both events, the children can openly explore the classroom, get to know future classmates, and meet their teachers, all while parents are nearby. Both events give our teachers an opportunity to meet your child.

Meet and Greet: On the first day of school, parents/guardians are welcome to meet and greet on the church's front picnic tables and benches. This proximity allows for an easier first-day transition for children—and for parents!

Orientation: This required event is for parents/guardians to complete the forms needed to start school, meet the team, and answer questions.

Engagement with Community: Enrichment is a key component of our program. Community experts will be brought into the classroom to demonstrate skills, crafts, and careers of interest to children and our units of study. These enrichments will be held in place of field trips. If walking/nature trips are planned, parents will be notified through email and calendar. Parents are welcome to join us on our end of year picnic at Cornerstone Park.

Classroom Volunteering: Children feel pride in seeing their parents/grandparents sharing in their school experience. Please complete the volunteer form and tell us of your special interests and talents.

Communication: We welcome and encourage open communication between parents and staff at Windsor Vineyard. Parents are encouraged to express concerns, ask questions, or simply discuss their child's experience at school. Arrival and drop-off time are often remarkably busy and are therefore not ideal for such conversations. However, phone calls and post-school conferences are welcome and may be scheduled at your convenience with the director.

Our program will make every effort to find and utilize interpreters if there is a situation where assistance in communication is needed.

Health and Safety: Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. You must file with the Preschool a health form and an immunization form or immunization exemption form signed by a physician. Discuss any health problems, whether chronic or temporary, with the teacher. Whenever you observe a cold or other illness developing, please be sure to keep your child at home until you are sure the child is no longer contagious.

The standard rule is to keep your child home until the time she/he has been free of fever or vomiting for 24 hours. In the event your child contracts a contagious disease let us know at once. A physician's statement may be required in some cases before the child will be readmitted to class. You will be contacted if any symptoms of illness appear during the day, your child will be kept in a separate quiet area until you can pick them up. Also, you will be contacted if your child is suspected to have been exposed to a communicable disease or illness while at school.

Medications: If medication is to be administered at school, following conditions must be met:

- A signed request from a licensed prescriber specifying the condition for which the medication is to be given, the name, dosage, route, side effects and specific instructions for emergency treatment must be submitted to the Director for filing while the child is a student of Windsor Vineyard Preschool.
- Medication must be presented to the Director in its original, labeled pharmacy container or over the counter packaging. All liquid medication must be accompanied by an appropriate measuring device.

All medications will be stored per manufacturer's instructions in an enclosed space that is inaccessible to children. A written record will be kept of all medication, including over-the-counter medication given to children. This record will include the name of the child, the name of the medication, the date and time the medication was administered, the amount of medication given, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication.

The state requires us to employ a licensed, registered childcare nurse to ensure that the school is up to date on medication administration, health care, hygiene, disease prevention, equipment safety, nutrition, and immunizations. Parents must fill out all pertinent paperwork with Physician signature and instructions before medication will be administered.

The Preschool shall give appropriate first aid to a hurt child. A parent or guardian shall be contacted if it is the judgment of the Preschool staff that immediate medical attention is












necessary. If it is the further judgment of the Preschool staff that the injury is of an emergency nature, paramedics shall be called to the Preschool and a parent or guardian will be contacted.

To insure your child’s protection from the sun, apply sunscreen before arrival and send a small roll-on sunscreen stick with your child for reapplication as needed. Label sunscreen with child’s name and keep in their backpack.

Illnesses: The best ways to stop the spread of infection are good hand washing and staying home when sick.

Guidelines for Keeping Sick Children Home from School

Please keep me home if . . .

I have a fever.	I am vomiting.	I have diarrhea.	I have a rash.	I have head lice/nits.	I have an eye infection.	I am congested and/or have thick, constant runny nose	I have a sore throat	I have been diagnosed with strep throat or scarlet fever.	I have been in the hospital.	I’m just not feeling very good.
										
Temperature of 100°F and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, or not feeling well.	Two or more times in 24 hours.	Three or more watery stools in 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy scalp.	White part of eye is pink and/or pus is draining from the eye.	Uncomfortable stuffed up feeling and/or runny nose.	Sore throat with fever or swollen glands.	Red, sore throat with patches on tonsils, swollen glands, fever and/or rash.	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit.	Unusually tired and/or pale, lack of appetite, confused and/or cranky.

To return to school I need . . .

To be fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours. (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	To be free from vomiting for 24 hours.	To be free from diarrhea for 24 hours.		To be brought to the school nurse by my parent/guardian prior to returning to class.	To have clear eyes that are not draining. To have completed 48 hours of treatment.	To be fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours. (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	To be fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours. (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	To be fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours. To have completed 48 hours of treatment	A copy of the discharge instructions and/or doctor’s note permitting me to return to class that includes any special instructions (i.e. modifications to daily program and for what period of time.	To be feeling better and acting like I normally do.
A note from my parent/guardian	A note from my parent/guardian	A note from my parent/guardian	A doctor’s note permitting me to return to school		A doctor’s note permitting me to return to school	A note from my parent/guardian	A note from my parent/guardian	A doctor’s note permitting me to return to school		A note from my parent/guardian

If I show any of the above signs of illness at school, it will be necessary to pick me up from school.

Please keep ALL emergency contact information up to date.

If I should become ill or injured at school, the school needs to be able to contact you.

Major Accidents: If a child is injured, the Director or substitute will assess the situation and decide whether the child needs to go to hospital by ambulance or whether the child can wait for a parent to come. If the child needs to go straight to hospital, the Head Teacher or designated staff member will:

- Call 911 immediately.
- Administer first aid and/or CPR as appropriate.
- Call the parents/emergency contacts
- Stay with the child to monitor them and make sure they are comfortable

In case of illness or accident it is necessary for us to know where you may be always reached. Parents must keep a current list of emergency contact information on record. It is the parent's responsibility to submit, in writing any changes to this contact information to the preschool.

Preparedness for Emergencies: Windsor Vineyard Preschool will follow emergency protocol, holding monthly fire, tornado, and lockdown drills. A name face recognition log is taken hourly and after each transition to ensure safety.

In case of fire, children will be evacuated to the grass area south of the parking lot. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible. In case of a tornado, the children will be taken to an inside room until the "all clear" has sounded. We will practice these drills along with an active shooter (which we will refer to as 'a Bear Drill.' Parents will be contacted as soon as possible after an emergency. Children with special needs will have an individual plan in place for safe and proper care. In the event we need to leave the property, our emergency reunification location with families will be NE side of Safeway OR a safe location designated by the Red Cross. Windsor Vineyard Preschool will provide transportation only in the case of an urgent emergency.

Privacy and Confidentiality: In compliance with Colorado state and federal laws, student and teacher records are confidential. Files can be released only to authorized persons. Children's names will never be posted on social media sites. Photos will only be posted with a parent's written permission.

Reporting Suspicions of Child Abuse: The Director of the Preschool or any other staff members shall report to Children's Protective Services or the Police Department, as required by the state Penal Code, any suspicion of child abuse, sexual or otherwise, neglect or endangerment of which they may become aware. If you ever feel that your child has been abused in any way, whether it is at this facility or somewhere else, please report it to the Weld County Department of Human Services at 970-352-1551.

General Information: Windsor Vineyard Preschool admits children of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs and other school-administered programs.

Ages: Children attending the Preschool must be four years of age by November 15th and need to be toilet trained. The PreK class is for those attending kindergarten the following year.

Visitor Policy: Visitors are welcome. We ask that each visitor sign in, take a visitor name tag and report directly to the staff.

Personal Belongings: Upon arrival at the preschool, children are to hang coats and backpacks on the hooks. When it is necessary to change from boots to shoes, this is to be done before entering the classroom. All belongings are to be brought home each day. Bring a labeled zip lock bag for a change of clothes to orientation. If an accident does occur, the child's soiled clothes will be sent home in the plastic bag. Please add a fresh bag of clothes before sending the child to school the next day. Windsor Vineyard Preschool will make every effort to safeguard personal belongings brought by the child but is not to be held responsible for lost or broken items. For this reason, we ask that children not bring toys or money to school, unless the toy is for show-and-tell day.

What to Wear: We ask that clothing be weather-appropriate, comfortable, and simple. We understand that children enjoy independence, so ask that clothing be something that the child can unfasten and fasten for toileting. There is always a possibility that clothing might be soiled when playing outside or during art time. Therefore, parents are asked to send children to school in clothes that are washable and safe for active use. Tennis shoes or closed toed shoes, *NO flip flops!*

Finally, please put your child's name on all clothing worn to school that might be taken off and on as we play outside. In Colorado's ever-changing weather, warm clothing layers are needed as we will be going outside daily.

Winter clothing should include:

- Hat
- Mittens or gloves
- Warm jacket
- Snow boots

Snacks: Your child will need to bring a healthy, personal snack each day along with a water bottle. Please note that Colorado Preschool Code prohibits us from serving sugar-sweetened beverages and foods.

Videos: We will be showing worship/song/educational clips as part of our curriculum. A note will be posted for parents with the title and theme if full length videos will be shown for special occasions.

Birthdays: Birthdays are celebrated during the snack period. If you bring treats, please bring cookies, donut holes, or other easily handled treats, *Please NO cupcakes with frosting.* (All foods must be store-bought per Health Department guidelines.) Parents are welcome to join us in their child's celebration. If your child has a summer birthday, set up an alternate date to celebrate their b-day with their teacher. **Show-n-Tell day will be on student's celebrated birthday.** Please send the item in a bag or backpack so that we may work on problem solving skills by trying to guess the item. No guns, war toys, or other such toys are allowed in our school.

Please do not send birthday party invitations to school with your child unless you plan to invite the entire class. Feelings can be hurt when someone is left out.

Family Survey: Windsor Vineyard Preschool will conduct an annual survey to ask for suggestions on how to improve our program can best support our families.

Transitioning for the next year: The school year ends with a classroom program/picnic for the children and their families. This helps to facilitate closure for the year, as students anticipate the excitement of their next phase of learning. See staff for continued learning resources, fun summer activities, and local school information for kindergarten readiness. We want to make the next phase of learning as smooth as possible for each child.

In closing, we look forward to the school year ahead as we grow in faith and learning. We are so glad you choose Windsor Vineyard Preschool, where each day is a gift from God and each child is His treasure.