

## **Changes in GK KidMin FAQ**

On Sunday, March 21st, Glenkirk KidMin will begin allowing parents to drop their 1st-5th grade children off for an *outdoor* Elementary kids program. Please see below for more information about this, and for answers to some questions you may have moving into this:

### **Even though there will now be an option to drop my child off for Sunday School, I still don't feel comfortable doing so. Will there be other options for my children?**

Yes! We will continue to offer both options that we have been offering so far for you and your child(ren). These include:

1. Activity sheets corresponding to the Sunday sermons that kids can take back to their seats and continue to sit with you and your family during our outdoor service.
2. Online services for you and your children posted to our KidMin at Home YouTube channel each week.

### **What precautions are you taking for those who want to check their children into GK KidMin Sunday School?**

Before allowing any child into our program we will require the following:

1. A completed health waiver for each child filled out the first time they attend, and kept on file for each of the following Sundays they attend.
2. Each child will need to have their temperature checked and hands sanitized before being dropped off.
3. Each family will be given a verbal symptom check by a volunteer: (i.e. "Has anyone in your household experienced any symptoms this week or been exposed to someone who has?")
4. Each child, ages 3 and up, will be required to wear a mask for the entire time they are on campus.

In addition, we will implement the following precautions:

1. Children in grades 1st through 5th will be placed into stable cohorts with a maximum of 10 children.
2. We will do our best to help kids stay socially distanced from each other within the cohorts.
3. All shared equipment, toys, and surfaces will be sanitized thoroughly before and after each Sunday.
4. We will make sure our staff and volunteers are constantly keeping their hands washed and sanitized, and we will also wash and sanitize each child's hands during the service.

### **What will the check-in process look like?**

In addition to the precautions above, you can expect the following:

1. Once all of the required check-in information has been received, you and your child will receive a badge showing that they can enter the program, and displaying a group number.
2. Your child will sit with you during the beginning of the worship service just like they used to in the past. Once our beginning worship songs have concluded, it will be announced that all pre-checked kids can now be brought over to the Children's Wing for the kid's service.
3. Children will then walk over to the Children's Wing, accompanied by one parent, rather than sending them over on their own. (It can also be permitted to have a sibling who is older than 5th grade walk your child over at the beginning if this is preferred.)
4. Group leaders will be standing outside the entrance to the Children's Wing, holding up signs with each of their group numbers.

5. You will then help your child find the leader with their corresponding group number, and have them get in line with their group. Once your child is in line, you (the parent) may return to your seat.
6. The children will then be directed to enter the Children's Wing 1 group at a time to begin their service.

### **What will the pick-up process look like?**

Parents/guardians will return to the entrance to the Children's Wing, and form a single-file line. We ask that only one person per family comes to pick up child(ren) from their group to help ensure social distancing. Present your alphanumeric pick up tag (parent badge) to the volunteer at the door. The volunteer will then retrieve your child(ren) from their cohort.

### **How can you ensure social distancing between children/the safety of my children?**

The short answer is that we can't. We will try our best, but it's important everyone recognizes that nothing is bullet proof. We commit to doing our best to help kids stay socially distanced but before checking your kids into our program you need to know that we cannot ensure it. One of the reasons for having our kid's service outdoors is so that we can create more space for social distancing. At this point, we will do the following:

1. Do our best (with fluctuating attendance of families) to check each child into a stable cohort of no more than 10 kids.
2. Require children to sit on socially distanced areas during the lesson time/any time they are sitting together as a group.
3. Create activities for children that help them maintain social distancing.

### **How do I get my child(ren) signed up to attend GK KidMin Sunday School?**

1. First, you will need to pre-register by the Friday of the week you are planning to attend. There will be a registration link posted to our website, as well as emailed to you each week to sign up. Please keep in mind that we can only accommodate as many kids as our max capacity will allow, so if this number is reached any time before Sunday via the registration form, we will then close the form and your child will need to sit with you during service if you still choose to attend.
2. Second, you will need to follow the check-in procedure and health precautions listed above upon arrival at Glenkirk.

### **I have a child in grades 1st-5th, and I also have a child who is younger than 1st grade. I would like for my younger child to attend as well. Can I do this?**

Right now, we are in a phased reopening, and this will only include Elementary (1st-5th grade) aged children during the first phase. For children Kindergarten and lower, there will be a larger need for volunteers and leaders, because we will need to adhere to a smaller ratio. For this reason, we ask that you continue to keep your younger children with you during services for the time-being until we enter our next phase. We thank you for your patience and cooperation on this!

For special circumstances within this, or if you feel that you have significant reason to have your younger child participate during this time, please send an email to Amber Flores ([aflores@glenkirkchurch.org](mailto:aflores@glenkirkchurch.org)) explaining your situation. Please note that this still will not guarantee your child the ability to attend at this time.

**Is there still a way that my child could attend Sunday School in-person, even if we missed the pre-registration cut-off for the week?**

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that your child would be able to participate if this is the case. In order to ensure that we are reopening safely and mindfully, we will need to strictly adhere to our protocols without making exceptions. However, there are a couple possible scenarios in which your child may still be able to attend. Please see below:

1. If another family registered their child, but then did not show up on Sunday morning:
  - Families with registered children will have between 10:30am-11:00am to show up/check in on Sunday. Any registered children who have still not been checked in by 11:00am will have their spot opened up to any non-registered child who is present and wanting to attend.
2. If our registration has still not hit our max capacity by the time Sunday morning rolls around:
  - We will have a sign posted near our check-in table stating that we still have room to accept children who have not been registered. You will then wait in line with your child along with everyone else, to complete the check-in process for your child.

**What happens if a COVID case arises in our program?**

We will notify the parents of all kids who were checked into that group and all parents whose kids would have come into contact with the child and/or family. We will do so while still maintaining confidentiality for the child and family. This is the main reason for the amount of contact-tracing we will be implementing. We will also deep clean and sanitize the impacted space, equipment, and supplies.