



What is KidsPlace?

KidsPlace is the ideal after school experience featuring activities such as outdoor recreation, arts & crafts, group games, social time, and homework help. Activities are led by carefully selected after-school staff in a small group setting with all necessary health and Covid safety regulations in place. All staff are CPR and First Aide trained with continuing education provided throughout the school year.

KidsPlace runs from school dismissal to 6:00 PM and is open to children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Fees vary based on how many days per week a student attends. The KidsPlace schedule will follow the Stamford Public Schools and supports reduced day schedules. Participants must be Stamford JCC members.

What are the program options?

KidsPlace offers 5 day, 4 day and 3 day options with families selecting what days of the week their child(ren) will attend.

Where is KidsPlace taking place?

KidsPlace takes place at the Stamford JCC's Newfield Avenue Campus. KidsPlace participants enjoy many of the JCC's recreation areas including the baseball diamond, sport courts and playground. When weather does not allow for outdoor play, recreational activities take place indoors in the gym, auditorium and our dance studios.

What are your policies and procedures for bussing?

Transportation is provided by the Stamford JCC and the Stamford Public School District. More information and pricing will be made available as we have more information from the Stamford Public School District and more guidance from the Office of Early Childhood regarding transportation for the new school year.

Parent/Guardian drop-off is also an option.

How will groups be assigned?

Children are grouped by grade level and/or school groups depending on rate of infection within Stamford as the school year starts. More information regarding pod assignment will be released to parents of registered students as the start of the school year gets closer.

Does my child need to wear a mask for the program?

Yes, all staff and students need to wear a mask indoors and outdoors when physical distancing of 6ft or more is not possible.

What happens if our family's schedule changes, shifts or our needs are different in a few months?

KidsPlace fees are charged monthly. This allows for flexibility in KidsPlace and your family's scheduling. For example, if you start the school year with 3 days a week and wish to increase to 4 or 5 days we can make that adjustment for the next month's billing.

A minimum of 1 month notice (in writing) needs to be provided before withdrawing from the program. If a student withdraws from KidsPlace and wants to come back later in the year we cannot guarantee that there will be available space in the program due to licensing and Covid-19 policies and regulations.

Would I be able to register my child(ren) for enrichment classes at The Stamford JCC?

Participants of KidsPlace are able to take enrichment classes during the time that they are in KidsPlace programming if they are picked up at the end of the enrichment class by a parent or guardian.

Participants will not go between program areas during their time in KidsPlace. For example, we will not have participants leaving the KidsPlace program, going to a dance class with children who are not in KidsPlace, and then returning to KidsPlace programming. However, KidsPlace staff are able to take children to the enrichment class if the parent is picking up from the class at its conclusion. This is to ensure that our KidsPlace pods are limited in exposure to other guests of The JCC.

Will KidsPlace have weekly swimming?

Swim is not a part of KidsPlace programming at this time. KidsPlace families are able to sign up for lessons and the same procedure would apply as is in place for enrichment classes. KidsPlace staff will take the child to the swim lesson and then parents or guardian would need to pick up at the end of the lesson from the pool area.

Covid Protocols and Precautions

Health Checks

All staff and participants will undergo a health check upon entering the Stamford JCC and KidsPlace program areas. All staff and participants will have their temperature taken and be asked to answer the following questions in our Tadpoles app:

- 1. Does the child or anyone in the household have a fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, or a cough?*
- 2. Does the child have any visible signs of illness (including flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing without recent physical activity, fatigue, or extreme fussiness) or have they had any of these symptoms since they were last at KidsPlace?*
- 3. Have you or anyone in your household come into contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes or more) with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19?*
- 4. Have you or anyone in your household traveled out of state via plane, train or cruise?*

If staff or participants answer yes to any of these questions the Stamford JCC reserves the right to ask the staff or participant to not be an active member of the program on that day.

Masks

All staff and participants will wear masks when in any KidsPlace program. There will be mask breaks outside when participants are able to stay physically distant.

Grouping within Pods

During KidsPlace participants will be grouped into a pod. Pods will not overlap or come into contact with each other. Pods will be limited to a maximum of 18 students. This policy is subject to change as The State of Connecticut and OEC modifies their guidance pertaining to group size.

Air Circulation

All pods will be outside as much as possible. If weather doesn't permit the use of outdoor spaces our pods and groups will be in rooms with ample airflow and circulation. All participants will be wearing masks indoors.

What if I have more questions about my child joining KidsPlace?

Please call or email our KidsPlace office to discuss KidsPlace options for your child(ren) and family. We are happy to discuss the program with you at your convenience. The KidsPlace office can be reached at 203.487.0974 or by email at KidsPlace@stamfordjcc.org.

This FAQ list and this information will be updated periodically.

For more details about our Covid-19 Policies, Plans and Procedures please contact the KidsPlace office.

Please note that all policies and program details are subject to modifications as to community needs.