

Whittier Kids Fall Remote Learning All Day Care

Program Hours: 8:15 am – 3 pm

1st-5th graders, Sept. 8-Dec 23

- Students will bring a lunch each day, morning and afternoon snack will be provided.
- Whittier Kids will be open for all regular school days and the first two days of Thanksgiving Break, Nov.23 and 24.
- Whittier Kids will be closed on the following school holidays: October 9, November 11, and November 25-27.

Remote Learning Support

- Students need to bring their own SPS provided devices and headphones along with meeting ID's passwords, etc. to school each day. We will provide more info as it is available and specific to your child's grade.
- We will do our best to support the remote learning provided by Seattle Public Schools through facilitating a structured learning environment. However, there are many considerations, such as internet bandwidth, electric availability, staff-to-child ratios, etc. that may affect our ability to do so. We are working hard to minimize these as much as possible, including advocating to the district to upgrade the school's Wi-Fi.

Safety

Whittier Kids is following all Seattle & [King County Public Health guidance on reducing the spread of COVID-19 for childcare centers](#), including the steps listed below. We also adapted our program activities to align with recommendations from the King County Public Health Department and follow physical distancing guidelines while promoting opportunities for socialization, learning and physical activities.

- Groups will be limited to 12 children per classroom and physical distancing will be maintained whenever possible.
- Students and staff are required to wear masks, including during pick up and drop off.
- Staff and children will be required to take a daily health screening upon arrival. Parents will not be coming in the building/classrooms and will need to wear masks during pickup/drop-off.
- We are asking families to check their children's temperature and ask staff to check their own temperature daily before coming to child care. If the temperature is equal to or greater than 100.4 F or if the person has a cough, runny nose, stuffy nose, or sore throat, we ask parents to keep their child at home and away from others, and ask ill staff members to stay at home and away from others. Ill children and staff will not be allowed to enter our facility.
- We increased the frequency of when we [clean, sanitize, and disinfect](#) our child care center including cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout the day and a thorough cleaning at the end of each day.

- We reviewed, updated, and are prepared to implement plans for emergencies including an established a process for identifying and sending home children and staff who become sick
- Guidelines are not limited to the above and will be expanded and revised as needed.

Tuition

- Full-Time: \$1250/month, Monday-Friday
- Part-Time: \$900/month 3 days/week, \$650/month 2 days/week
- Annual Registration Fee: \$100 (due with September tuition, or at registration if later in the year)
- Billing & Refunds: Parents will be billed monthly and be responsible for the full tuition of registered days— refunds or credits will not be issued for missed days.
- Families will register for the month, much like our regular after school program, with cancellation for the following month due by the 15th.
- In order to keep your children, family, & our staff as safe and healthy as possible, we will prioritize registering students for Monday - Friday so we can keep kids in the same small groups for the month.
- If you don't need care Monday - Friday, submit a request for Part-Time care and we will enroll if we have space available. In this case, the part-time schedule would need to be the same each week for the month and would be charged the 2 day or 3 day/week rates.
- We intend to observe this fee structure through the end of Seattle Public Schools' remote learning period, although changes may be necessary. If SPS moves to a hybrid model of learning, we will re-evaluate.
- We understand these extra child care costs are challenging for families, therefore we are working to apply for grants and funding from external sources. If additional money is procured we will pass those discounts along to families as soon as possible. In the meantime, please look at DCYF (<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc>) and City of Seattle (<https://www.seattle.gov/education/for-parents/child-care-and-preschool/child-care-assistance-program>) Childcare Assistance programs to see if your family may qualify. Please contact our Asst. Director at lorie@phinneycenter.org for more information.