**NIS SUMMER REOPENING PROTOCOL DURING COVID-19 CRISIS**

Due to the signing of Governor Cuomo’s executive order and the very recent distribution of guidance from NYS Education Department NIS will be offering in person summer school as well as the option of remaining on virtual instruction.

NIS is committed to providing the best special education services possible while maintain the highest level of safety for our children and our staff. We will be following DOH and OCFS guidelines as we reopen.

Some of the protocols we are putting into place are:

- They will be no more than 10 children in a classroom.
- Students will remain in their classrooms for the majority of the day.
- The playground schedule will allow for 1 class at a time. We will restrict the interactions between classes.
- Staff will be required to wear masks when working with the children and when they cannot socially distant between adults.
- Children will not be required to wear masks.
- All common rooms will not be used, this includes the library, gym and open space.
- Cleaning and sanitizing will be completed after each class. This includes toys, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces.
- Staff and children’s temperatures and a health check will be taken prior to entering the building.
  - Additionally, Temp and health should be completed as home prior to coming to school.
- Any child or staff that is sick will be sent home.
- A new drop off procedure will be put into place to accommodate social distancing. More details to follow.
- We will do our best to provide all of your child’s mandates however please be understanding and flexible as NIS delivers both an in person and a virtual program to accommodate all of family’s needs with our current staff.
- No food groups, focused snack or community distributed snacks will be provided during the summer.
- Parents must send in a lunch and a snack each day.
- Classroom teacher and therapy assignments will most likely change for the summer due to the split of a hybrid program.
- NIS will continue high frequency hand washing practices for adults and children throughout the day.
- The summer calendar will remain the same, however the first week will continue as virtual instruction. In person services will begin July 13th. The hours for the full day program will be 9am -2pm. Half day will remain 9-11:30 & 12:30-3pm.
- **Busing is supplied by Suffolk County- the decision to have busing is still pending.**
- There will be no before, lunch or aftercare services provided.
- Availability of daycare and general education is still pending, dependent on student enrollment.
- All staff will be trained in all safety protocols.

Due to this new plan the 2 hour childcare/respite will not be offered.