

# Parent Information

## Guidelines and Expectations

1. Mothers with children in the nursery will be asked to serve on a monthly basis.<sup>1</sup>
2. Please fill out the nursery information form for your child each service. Be sure to write down all special instructions.
3. If your child shows signs of a rash or runny nose that is NOT contagious (such as bug bites, eczema, allergies, teething, etc.), please write this down on the information form since nursery volunteers and other parents may be concerned by what they see.
4. Please label all items brought to the nursery for your child (i.e., diaper bags, bottles, cups, and pacifiers).
5. Parents should provide prepared infant formula in containers labeled with first and last name. Nursing mothers may use the designated area in the infant nursery during services.
6. Provide enough disposable diapers for your infant or toddler during their stay in the nursery.
7. Parents with children wearing cloth diapers will need to provide adequate instruction regarding changing procedures as well as leak-proof container to place soiled diapers.
8. All children who are potty training are asked to wear pull-ups or training pants with rubber pants to help us maintain a clean nursery. Please understand that not every child's diaper can be checked at the last minute, and accidents may occur.
9. The door to the infant nursery will be closed at all times. Parents are asked not to enter the nursery to check on their children. The window in the door should enable you to check on your children between services. We ask that you do not open the door or enter in between services, since it causes disruption and often upsets a child that has finally settled down. If you need to pass along information to the volunteer after your child has been dropped off, please knock on the door and wait for a volunteer to come out to assist you.
10. Unless you instruct otherwise, we will work with a fussy and upset child for 15 minutes before sending for the parent.<sup>2</sup>
11. Please pick up your child as soon as possible after the service is over.
12. You must return your security card to pick up children. For safety reasons, we cannot allow young siblings or unrelated parties to take your child from the nursery.
13. Please ensure that you have all of your belongings before you leave. The nurseries may be locked between services.

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<sup>1</sup> This applies to members of LBC only and will be scheduled on a monthly basis by the Nursery Coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> This communication will take place via text message.

## Guidelines for Health Issues

We want your child to have a safe environment in which to learn and play. Therefore, we have guidelines to follow regarding possible sickness. These guidelines will help you decide whether or not to bring your child to the church nursery and, thereby, protect others from illness.

Please **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD** to the nursery if he/she has any of the following:

- Fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
- A hacking cough.
- Rash, unless diagnosed by a physician as non-contagious. (This excludes diaper rash.)
- A runny nose or bad congestion. Clear runny noses associated with teething or allergies will be allowed as long as there is no fever or congestion.
- Any contagious disease, regardless of how mild it is. This includes the common cold.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eyes and yellow discharge).
- A child taking antibiotics may be left in the nursery when he/she has been on medication at least 48 hours and is free of symptoms.
- Nursery volunteers CANNOT administer medicines. Parents must administer medications themselves.

If you are in any doubt regarding your child's illness, please do not put other children at risk by placing your child in the nursery.