## **Space Set-Up and Physical Distancing**

Phoenix Child Centre is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our children, families and staff while maintaining a warm, welcoming and inclusive space. While it is difficult to socially distance small children in group care, there are procedures that have been put in place to provide social distancing and adhere to the direction of Toronto Public Health and other childcare governing bodies.

Our response to COVID-19 includes procedures and protocols that will provide physical distancing between cohorts of children and to the best of our ability within classroom areas, they include the following:

- Physical distancing of at least 2 meter's will be maintained between cohorts. No two cohorts (8 children/2 adults) will share playground and or classroom space. Toys and equipment will not be shared between cohorts.
- Children in the same classroom, will have individual bins labelled with their name and filled with materials for sensory explorations and exploring through the arts.
- As much as possible children will be physically distanced by creating centre's in the classroom that allow for social distancing. For example: Two children are permitted to play in the block area, while maintaining appropriate distances.
- Children will be socially distanced during meal, sleep and washroom routines
- Beds/resting mats will be arranged head to toe and 2 meters apart.
- Playground structures will not be used during this time due to contamination
- As always in the summer months, more time will be spent outdoors
- Singing activities will be saved for the outdoors to avoid undue contact with droplets

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