



PEACHTREE
CHURCH



the nest

PARENT HANDBOOK

Welcome to the community!

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the Nest at Peachtree Church! I am overjoyed to have you and your child belong to our Nest community. My name is Ashley, and I have the privilege to serve as the Senior Early Education Manager. It is my hope that the Nest can provide you with safe and trusted childcare while you get a much needed break. Whether it is daily, twice a week like clockwork, or every now and again, we are here to serve you and your family.

A little about me: I am an Enneagram 8 introvert who GEEKS OUT about all things child development, mindfulness, and communication. I am a life-long learner who loves encouraging and leading those around me. My education background is in psychology, rhetoric, and ministry. It is my greatest joy to partner with you as a parent while you raise your child up in this crazy world. If there is ever any way that I can better equip, serve, or encourage you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

NEST OVERVIEW

The Nest is a Parent's Morning Out Program that allows children between the ages of 8 weeks and 4 years old the opportunity to explore their abilities and work on their independence, away from their primary caregiver, under the gentle guidance of our team.



Our Team

Our team is made up of women who have spent their lives nurturing, teaching, and loving on the children in their care. They feel called to this work and they pour their hearts and souls into this ministry. These women are chosen with care and are given training, encouragement, and direction often!

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide an atmosphere of grace, love, and forgiveness to the children in our care as they learn how to be the best versions of themselves. The Nest recognizes the uniqueness of each child and that we are all called children of God.

Our Goal

Our goal is simple ... encourage play as a vehicle by which children learn. We focus on the process and not the product. You can rest assured that your child(ren) will be loved, challenged, and encouraged to try new things, engage with new friends, and explore the limits of God's creation.

OUR VALUES

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SERVE

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, ‘if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.’”

MARK 9:35

We serve out of an overflow of the joy, grace, and love that the Lord has lavished on us. It is our absolute pleasure to serve those in our community through the gifts and talents the Lord has afforded each of us.

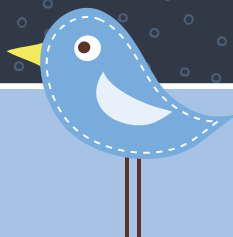
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EQUIP

“God loves us just the way we are. But He loves us too much to leave us that way.”

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We love your children just the way they are. But we love them too much to leave them that way. We want to instill confidence, promote learning, and encourage kindness with every interaction here at the Nest.



**“Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up,
just as in fact you are doing.”**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

We are called to encourage one another. This world is hard enough! We want to meet every situation with compassion, understanding, and encouragement. Believing the best will always be our starting point.



HEALTH & SAFETY

▶ NUT-FREE FACILITY

The Nest is a nut-free facility. We ask that you honor this by refraining from packing your child with any lunch or snack that contains nuts. If you do send your child with a snack or lunch item that contains nuts, our teachers will not offer it to your child. This protects all of our friends.

▶ SICK CHILDREN POLICY

We ask that you keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, vomiting/diarrhea, excessive cough, green nasal drainage, sore throat, lice, shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing, pink eye, unidentified rash, lethargic, pulling at ears, or is overall not feeling well. Your child may return when they are symptom-free for over 24 hours or with a doctor's note.

▶ HAND WASHING

The Nest practices proper hand washing protocols at all times. All staff are required to wash their hands after using the restroom, before handling food, and in between diapers changes. Our teachers practice proper hand washing with our students as well, teaching them the steps to good hand hygiene.

▶ EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

If your child requires an EpiPen, EpiPen Jr., AviQ or any additional emergency action item, you will be asked to fill out an emergency action plan for us to have on file. This action plan will give us the exact steps to take and inform us on who to call should your child need emergency intervention.





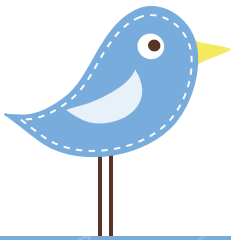
WHAT TO BRING

Children under 2 years old:

- ▶ Minimum of 3 diapers
- ▶ Diaper cream (if needed)
- ▶ Bottles/baby food (no glass containers)
- ▶ Pacifier/lovey/blanket (if needed)
- ▶ Lunch, snack, water/milk cup
- ▶ Change of clothes

Children over 2 years old:

- ▶ Lunch, snack, water/milk cup
- ▶ Change of clothes (including underwear and socks)
- ▶ Pull-ups/diapers if applicable



Please ensure that **EVERYTHING**
is labeled with your child's first
and last name to prevent mix-ups.

Drop Off/Pick-Up

Late Policy:

The Nest adheres to a strict 1:00pm pick up time. If you are late to pick up your child, you will sign a standard form that will go in your file. After three late forms, your child will no longer be able to utilize the Nest as a childcare option.

This late policy protects our staff and your children, as our accreditation only allows children to attend the Nest for four hours at a time.

Drop Off:

Your child can be dropped off any time after 9:00am. At 9:15am our hall doors will lock and you will need the assistance of our Nursery Manager to enter the hall.

Pick-Up:

The Nest hall will be open for pick up between 12:30pm and 1:00pm. Pick up prior to 12:30pm will require the assistance of our Nursery Manager. You will pick up your child from their classroom door.

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We ask that for the safety of our children and staff, you do not enter the classrooms for drop-off or pickup.

Different Pick-Up Person:

If the person picking up your child(ren) is different from the drop-off person, don't fret. You can either send a picture of your child's security tag to the pickup person OR you can leave the security tag with our Nursery Manager, let her know the name of the pick-up person, and tell them to bring their ID.

Sad Friends:

Sometimes adjusting to a new environment can be hard on our little brains and bodies. For that reason, we work extra hard to calm our sad friends and include them in our fun. If your child has been crying for longer than an hour you will be asked to come and pick them up early. Rest assured, we will do everything we can to show them how fun the Nest is before that call is made.

Please know that if your child cries at drop off or pick-up it does NOT mean that you are doing anything wrong. It means that their bodies are learning something new. Keep practicing and soon they will be running to their teachers and new friends, leaving you in the dust.

Our Program

Curriculum

Each month your child will have a specific color, shape, letter, and theme that they will focus on. Additionally, they will have one Bible verse a month that they will be working toward memorizing. Each teacher and classroom will create different age-appropriate activities to correspond with the curriculum of that month.

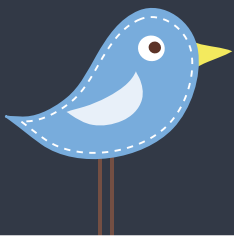
Enrichments

We are working toward having one enrichment offered each day of the week. These enrichments will provide extra learning fun and include science, music, library time, and gymnastics. Make sure to pay close attention to our monthly newsletters to learn more about our enrichments as they are introduced.

Accreditation

As a Parent's Morning Out Program, the Nest is considered exempt from Bright from the Start licensing and is instead routinely checked as compliant with Bright from the Start Early Learning exemption status. In layman's terms, the Nest is not a licensed daycare facility and therefore can only accommodate children between the ages of 8 weeks through 4 years old for no more than four hours a day.





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