

Park Slope Afterschool Center FAQ Spring 2021

Q. What happens when there is inclement weather?

A. In the case of rain, snow, or temperatures below 34 degrees, in-person Pods will move to Zoom. Families will be notified via e-mail by 12:00 pm at the latest, and earlier if at all possible.

Q. What happens to programs if PS107 goes to all remote learning?

A. Because we are a separate not-for-profit organization, Afterschool will continue both online and in person programming.

Q: Will my child be able to stay at 107 when the school day is done, and transition to Afterschool like last year?

A: Families will have the option to register for "Bridge Care" as a class. For those signed up for Bridge Care, they will transition to our staff directly from their day teachers. Due to the need to ensure we have the correct amount of staffing, this is not a drop in program and families must be registered for the Bridge on the day they would like to attend.

Q: Why do I still have to pay if my child has to go to Zoom for the day, and I would rather not have my child participate in a remote version of the programming?

A: Due to our need to cover costs on an ongoing basis, we must have continuous payment, regardless of a family's choice to not take the option to join a Zoom session.

Q. Why are rates different from last session?

A. Due to the great reduction in the number of students staff can now serve (only 9 students at a time) and the need for increased supervision with activities taking place outside of school, rates for this year have been adjusted accordingly to cover cost. These costs also help to off-set the need to provide scholarship support for families in need. Please note: the Spring session is almost twice as long as the fall, and that will also be reflected in the overall price roll up.

Q: How will privacy be maintained if a child contracts Covid?

A. We will contact families in any Pod where there is a confirmed case of Covid-19. To ensure the privacy of all families, we will only notify that a student has been confirmed, but we will not release names.

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Q. Why is a great class offered for one grade but not another?

A. We are doing our best to provide fun programming for all ages. Historically we have provided tons of different specialty programs throughout the five days and grades, but this year we are much more limited. We are unable to combine grades or cohorts for in-person classes and are limited in the number of children each class can accommodate. Along with our specialty instructors only being able to serve one grade at a time, some of our providers from previous years were not able to perform services in a way that matched our needs for the start of the year. Our hope is to continue to add programming as the year goes on, so please let us know if your child is interested in a class not offered for their grade.

Q: Why do some in-person classes begin in January and some in February?

A: We are very excited about all of our in-person programs this year, but have struggled with having enough attendance to cover the cost for some. Parent feedback has indicated that, rather than cancelling those classes, if they start when the weather is warmer we will gain enough registrants to cover the cost.

Q: I want to pay my fees in full but am being charged per month. Can I change that?

A: Our new registration system is set up for monthly payments only. The only fee you pay in full is the one-time, yearly registration fee, or single small-group homework help. **Parents are not charged a fee for using their credit cards.**

Q: Can I use E-check or check to pay my fees?

A: No. Unfortunately we are not accepting checks at this time. Our system only uses debit or credit cards. Again, card fees will not be charged to families.

Q: Are the fees structured the same as last year: monthly, two days, daily?

A: Nope. Our fee structure this year is per class.

Q: I am experiencing financial difficulties, is there help available?

A: Yes. Please contact director@psafterschool to request information on applying for scholarship support.