

Town of Stoughton

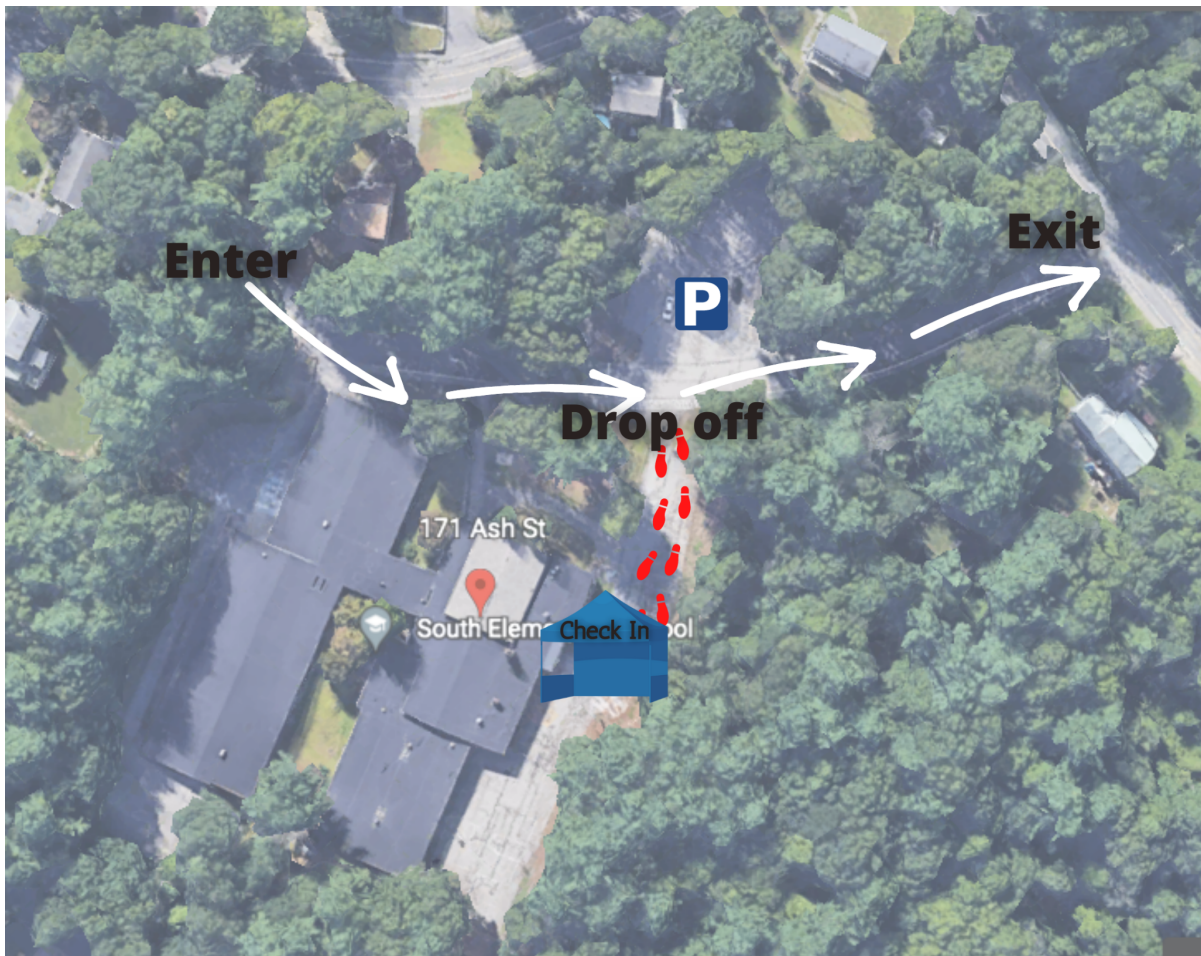
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Stoughton Recreation Parent-Child Handbook 2023

Open Playground will run from 7/5/2023-8/11/2023 from 8:30 am-2:30 pm with the option to sign up for After Playground until 4:00 pm. There is no After Playground for Pre-Playground. Open Playground and Pre-Playground are located at South School at 171 Ash St in Stoughton.

Arrival and Departure

Please enter the South School through the one-way road and drop your child off along the sidewalk on the right. Children will meet counselors at the front gates (second gated entrance at the South) and walk down to the check-in tent each day. Parents may park in the parking lot to the left side of the road. Do not drive past the cones into the staff parking lot to ensure the safety of all children. Counselors will meet all Pre-Playground participants at the check-in tent to walk them into their classrooms.



Pre-Playground

Anyone registered for Pre-Playground must be FULLY potty trained (can go without any help) and there are no exceptions. We cannot accommodate children that are not potty trained. If a child has repeated issues using the bathroom, they may be dismissed from the program. Please pack a **nut-free** snack and lunch. There is no After Playground for Pre-Playground. *Children must be picked up by 2:30 pm.*

Early Pick-Up and Late Pick-Up Policy

Please be sure your child checks in and out with a counselor or director at drop off and pick-up. You can park along the street or in the side parking lot, but please do not drive beyond the cones. If you arrive early to pick up your child, you must check them out with the Open Playground Director under the blue tent. This is necessary for safety and to avoid any confusion during the multiple check-in times we hold through the day. We want to make sure your child is accounted for at all times appropriately. Parents and guardians will be given a first time 15-minute grace period to pick up their child from the Open Playground program. After that, you will be charged \$10 for every 15 minutes you are late.

Sunscreen Guidelines

Please apply sunscreen on your child every day before arriving at the playground. *Playground staff cannot and will not apply sunscreen to the participants once they arrive at camp.* This is for the safety of both staff and children. Counselors will remind the children on multiple occasions throughout the day to apply their sunscreen when necessary. We encourage you to purchase and pack spray sunscreen for ease of use.

Rain Day and Heat Advisory Policy

In the case of inclement weather, we will go inside the South School to do low impact activities such as board games, crafts or a movie. Parents are welcome to keep their child home but there are no cancellations due to rain. In the event of a heat advisory day, the program will be canceled for that day to ensure the safety of all. All cancellations can be found on all these platforms: www.stoughtonrec.org, email from Stoughton Recreation, Stoughton Recreation Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StoughtonMaRecreation>

Snack and Lunch

Each child should pack a snack, lunch, and water bottle each day. Pre-playground snacks and lunches must be peanut and tree nut free. Open Playground has no dedicated lunch time - kids have the freedom to choose, though most eat around 12:00 pm. Children check in with their counselors and wash their hands prior to eating snack or lunch. And remember - it's hot out there!! Please pack enough water and snacks to last the day

Walker Waivers

If you wish for your child to walk home after Open Playground, permission must be granted at the time of registration. A child will not be permitted to walk home without this completed documentation. If you would like to grant permission at a later date, please contact the Recreation office.

Illness, Medication and Allergies

All medications and allergies must be made aware of to the Open Playground Director and included in your registration. If your child has an epi-pen, please provide *two labeled epi-pens in a bag or container.*

Parents/guardians are responsible for checking for these symptoms, including a fever, each day before drop off.

Do not send your child to the program if:

- Your child or anyone in your household have a fever
- Your child or anyone in your household have flu like symptoms, a cough, sore throat, sneezing, wheezing, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, vomiting or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Your child or anyone in your family or household has been exposed or in contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID patient in the past 14 days

Behavior Policy:

Appropriate behavior is expected from all participants at all times in recreation programs. To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all participants, the Stoughton Recreation Department has developed the following Code of Conduct:

Children must:

- Refrain from using foul language and obscene behavior
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to themselves, other participants or staff
- Maintain a safe environment for themselves and others
- Be considerate to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities
- Abide by the guidelines encouraged by Stoughton Public Schools Bullying Policy.

These guidelines have been developed to make recreation programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff. The Stoughton Recreation Department strives to protect and respect the rights of all participants. A positive approach will be used when handling behavior issues. The Stoughton Recreation Department reserves the right to dismiss a participant at any time (depending on the severity of the conduct). **If your child has an IEP or a behavioral management plan has been developed through your child's school, please inform the staff or include it in your registration so that we can support the child in the best way possible.**

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us:

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