



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Nursery Ministry FAQs

At what age can my child stay in the Nursery?

You may leave children in the nursery as early as you feel comfortable.

How do I check in my child?

At the time of check-in, nursery staff will ask you to sign in your child and fill out a registration card including your phone number. Our Nursery Staff will send a text message if anything should arise. If the parent cannot be reached via text message, a team member will be sent for you.

How do I check out my child?

All children in the Nursery will be returned to their parents during the service to gather for Holy Communion. If you prefer to keep your child in the nursery until after the service, please let our Staff know at drop off and they will be happy to attend to your child until pick up.

Can I visit my child's room?

Yes, parents are welcome at any time to visit the Nursery. To schedule a time to tour our children's areas, please contact Gizelle Moran, the Director of Family & Children Ministry.

What if there is separation anxiety?

For children anxious about parents leaving, parents are welcome to arrive early and help their children settle in to the Nursery before attending service. For a child's first visit, parents are also welcome to stay in the nursery the entire service to help young children feel comfortable in a new space. After parents leave for the service, if a child continues to be anxious, our nursery staff will immediately soothe and attend to your child.

What should I bring to the Nursery?

Parents are asked to provide a small bag with anything your child will need during their visit with us. All bottles, pacifiers, loveys, or blankets should be labeled.

Will you change my child's diaper or assist in potty-training?

It is our staff's goal to check each child's diaper at least once and they are happy to support your child in potty-training. If your child is potty-training, please take him or her to the bathroom before class. Feel free to use the child-size toilet in our nursery bathroom. Please inform our nursery of any special

instructions and ways to help. Parents are also asked to bring a change of clothes labeled with the child's name in case of any accidents.

Will my child be given a snack?

Yes, children are given goldfish or other peanut free snacks unless parents request otherwise. Parents are also welcome to provide drinks if desired.

What are the church's toy cleaning procedures?

We strive to provide a sanitary environment. Toys are sanitized regularly. All linens are washed after use. Staff members are required to wear latex gloves when changing diapers.

What required safety procedures does the church follow?

All volunteers and staff follow Diocesan Safe Church Policies guidelines in order to provide an environment that is as safe as possible. Diocesan Safe Church Policies require all staff and volunteers working with children to complete a Safe Church Workshop and undergo background checks. For more information, please contact Gizelle Moran at gizelle@trinity-portsmouth.org.

What should I do if I have any additional questions, comments, or concerns?

Our goal is to ensure that parents are comfortable leaving their children in the care of the nursery staff during Christian Formation, church services and other events. For more information, please contact Gizelle Moran at (281) 760-9348 or gizelle@trinity-portsmouth.org