



Vale Preschool Families~

It has been wonderful these past few weeks having your children attend our preschool two days/week in person. While we are doing everything possible to follow the Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for health and safety, we realize that some of these guidelines, such as maintaining 6 ft. social distancing, are difficult to comply with due to the age and nature of our preschool population. Even though the guidelines are challenging, we do want to continue offering a two day/week program. In an effort to continue doing so, we need to communicate with you the following:

- In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case, we will initiate contact-tracing procedures to determine if a closure is necessary for the mandatory 14 days. If this happens, we will initiate our virtual Flip-grid program to maintain learning activities for your children.
- In the event of a COVID-19 case, we will contact families individually to let them know which classrooms/sessions will be closed down, and follow all contact-tracing procedures from the DOH.
- In the event of a 14-day closure, tuition will decrease to \$30 for the following month as a way to compensate for the closure. If you prefer, you can keep your child in our virtual program, and continue paying at the \$30/month tuition rate.
- We will continue doing everything possible to clean all materials/surfaces, etc. in between our AM/PM sessions, as well as abiding by all health/safety standards recommended by the DOH while preschool classes are in session.
- We ask that you complete the daily COVID health screening forms every day. Please keep your child at home if they have any symptoms (see attached COVID symptom chart).
- If your child attends another child care center in addition to attending our preschool program here at Vale, please keep them home if there is a confirmed, positive case in either the other center or in your alternative child care provider's home.

Thank you for your help and attention to the above items. We want to keep our preschool open and continue providing a quality program to the best of our ability. As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have additional questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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