



PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AS OF 3/26/20 at 4:00 PM

Dear Preschool Families,

A little less than two weeks ago (on March 16th) we closed our preschool as a safety precaution related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. At that time, based on recommendations from the health department, we anticipated being closed just 14-days and re-opening on April 1st. Although this has caused disruption to businesses and to all our daily lives, it has been necessary in order to help flatten the curve of the virus. The situation seems to change daily but it's clear we need more time in order for the preschool to reopen.

Therefore, our new target date to open is Monday, April 20th.

There has been talk that public schools may not open until May, but the Governor's Safe at Home mandate allows preschools and childcare centers to remain open, mainly to accommodate essential workers such as medical professionals, grocery store workers, bank employees, etc. These families need childcare services as will many more people as businesses start re-opening. We want to open the preschool, sooner rather than later, to help facilitate the return to work that is being anticipated in the next few weeks.

What about my April preschool tuition?

No one will be charged for their April tuition while the school remains closed. Families on the automatic bank withdrawal plan (ACH) will **not** have the draft hit their account this month. Families who choose to return to the preschool on April 20th will have their tuition prorated based on the days used. If parents choose to keep their child at home during the entire month, then they will not owe any April tuition at all.

What happens to the preschool tuition I paid in March?

The preschool does not plan to reimburse tuition for last two weeks of March. We're asking families to be understanding and gracious about this because the need to close the preschool happened suddenly, with no time to adjust or prepare financially. We still had monthly bills and expenses to pay, and more importantly, we chose to continue to pay our preschool teachers and staff for the month. Even now, we're doing our best not to have any layoffs and keep our employees as whole as possible for as long as possible. I think we're all praying this ends soon, not just for financial reasons, but for the health and well-being of everyone. We thank God that this virus does not seem to affect children below the age of 14 as severely!

Staying Connected in the Interim

We have asked our teachers to start connecting with you and the children at least twice each week. This will take on various forms. Watch for emails, video clips, links to learning resources, learning packets and more from your child's teacher. We want to stay connected during this difficult time. We are all part of the Foothill family and we place a high value on the relationship we have with you and your child.

Here's One Way You Can Help Us: [Complete our survey!](#)

Would you please do us a favor? Would you complete the attached survey to help us determine your plans and needs going forward? We will use your feedback to adequately staff and plan for our reopening. We appreciate it.

PARENT SURVEY

For now, we will do our best to stay connected. We will start having office hours on M-W-F from 9:00 AM – Noon. We will respond to emails and answer any questions you have.

Keep in mind, we are still accepting preschool applications for students interested in enrolling for the summer and fall. So, tell you friends and neighbors that they can enroll online [HERE](#). This might be the best opportunity they will have to enroll at FCPS.

Sincerely,

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Vicky Gutzwiller
Director



Foothill Church Leading Chapel

Foothill Church Kids Ministry is leading chapel for our kids each week on YouTube. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch this week's chapel's lesson.

There is also Sunday morning kids programming during the recorded church services at 9AM, 10AM and 11AM. If you find yourself needing some good news and a message of hope, then join us as we gather together every Sunday morning online!

Visit foothill.church to learn more!

Additional Resources

to keep you kids engaged, learning, and having fun!

[ABC Mouse](#)

[ABC Ya](#)

[Bible App for Kids](#)

[Foothill Kids](#)

[Highlights Kids](#)

[PBS Kids](#)

[Scholastic](#)

[Scripture Lady](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

