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Dear Chapel Preschool Family,

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families recently released new Health and Safety Requirements that we are obligated to follow. These standards have been put in place, along with CDC recommendations for schools, in order to attempt to provide the utmost safety for families during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, given the strict nature and challenging expectations of these guidelines, there are now many changes and limitations that will deeply affect our school. These limitations present a number of difficulties for the Preschool on many levels, and will make it impossible for us to maintain the nurturing, family-friendly environment that our families have come to expect.

Unfortunately, due to these many obstacles, including substantial logistical and financial concerns, The Chapel Preschool Advisory Board has recently made the decision to postpone the reopening of our school for the 2020-2021 school year. We are extremely saddened, but after reviewing many possible options, we believe that this is a necessary decision at this time. While we wish that we were able to offer an estimated reopening date, we are not able to commit to a specific timeframe right now, because of the fluidity of the situation. We are not ruling out the possibility of starting at any point in the school year, as it is our hope and intent to reopen as soon as possible, based on the New Jersey requirements for Early Childhood Centers and the CDC guidelines for schools. We have attached the links for both of these at the bottom of this letter, for your review.

We realize how disappointing this news must be and the impact that this decision will have on your family is not lost on us. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience and frustration.



God has faithfully provided for The Chapel Preschool for the past 40 years. He is not surprised by any of these things, and we can trust Him to lead us through this new territory.

During this unprecedented time, we can find encouragement in Psalm 91:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord,

“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Please feel free to reach out to me in the meantime if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
Jasmine Knaus, Director  
& The Chapel Preschool Advisory Board

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/Final.CC.Health.and.Safety.Standards.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

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