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RE: Covid-19 Response Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were hoping the Covid-19 situation would be stabilizing, but what was normal a few weeks ago seems a distant memory. The new normal is one filled with dramatic changes and uncertainty. However, we are committed to remaining open for essential workers and those returning to work as restrictions ease.

We anticipate schools will not return to in person classes for the remainder of the school year and for many, you have no idea when or if you will return to your current jobs. We have therefore decided to suspend childcare contracts until you are ready to return to work and need preschool and/or childcare.

Last week we participated in an updated Community Care Licensing conference call from the California Department of Social Services where the state provided new emergency regulations for childcare providers. Childcare remains an essential service and they continue to encourage providers to remain open by taking appropriate precautions. As of now we are one of the few providers available in the area. We continue to exceed state and local public health guidelines and have had no exposures to the virus.

As a reminder, to limit the potential spread of the virus, we implemented the following additional measures:

- Sign in and sign out is in the covered entryway of the center. Only children and staff are allowed in the building. Any parent or staff entering the building will continue to have the same health check. Only parents and staff can park in the parking lot.
- Health checks continue with additional screenings mid-morning and afternoon. Any child with a temperature greater than 100.4° Fahrenheit, cough, runny nose, or other signs of being ill, including allergy symptoms, will not be allowed to stay.
- Children wash their hands hourly in addition to when coming in from outside, before eating, and after using the restroom.
- We increased disinfection of hard surfaces throughout the day and have removed play items that are fabric, cloth or difficult to clean.
- While we continue to provide snacks, we only serve prepackaged items, and dispose of leftovers. This limits the types and variety of snacks provided, so we encourage parents to include snack items with lunches.
- We will continue to keep our licensed school nurse onsite daily to monitor operations and be available to answer questions.
- We have implemented lower staffing ratios and social distancing consistent with the new emergency regulations.

In addition to our school nurse, we also have a credentialed fourth grade teacher to help with school-age enrichment activities and distance learning while schools are shut down and added extra fun activities for the children. She is also available for one-on-one tutoring at the center either during the day or evenings and weekends for a nominal charge.

None of us know how long this crisis will last. Stress, anxiety and uncertainty are all things we are each grappling with during this difficult time. We have an amazing staff and circle of family and friends. We include you in this family. If there is anything we can do to support your family, please let us know anytime!

Thank you,



Dawn Briggs
Owner/Director