

August 12th, 2020

Dear VCP Families.

During Covid-19, we've been tasked with a difficult decision to make. We've spent hours upon hours evaluating every possibility and turning over every stone to find the perfect solution allowing us to reopen this September. Given the current circumstances, it has become clear that attempting to open at this time would not only be irresponsible and extremely risky, but it does not align with our mission and philosophy.

"At Valley Christian Preschool, we strive to provide a program that will not only meet the basic needs but also nuture the social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development of each child. We are committed to building a sense of trust, respect, and "at home feeling" between staff, children, and parents through open communication, and providing qualified staff who are committed to partnering with individual families to provide the best possible environment for each child".

With the current requirements and severe restrictions from the State and Oregon Early Learning, we wholeheartedly believe that we cannot continue to provide the same quality education that you know and love AND keep your children and our staff safe. Our mission as educators is to love, care for, protect and guide our students, even if we have to remain closed in order to do so. We miss you all so much and it's heartbreaking to think that we won't get to see their sweet faces this September. Our plan is to re-evaluate in November in hopes of reopening in January 2021 or when it proves safe to do so. We'll be in touch with each of you to discuss options for your paid enrollment fees and last month tuition. Even though we can't physically open, we'd love to stay in contact and share fun content and activities for your kiddos over the next few months. Stay tuned for more information!

As the new director, it's a very surreal time to jump into this position. It's been a whirlwind to say the least! If you'd like more information about how we came to this difficult decision, I'd be happy to share the details with you. I really hope that I have an opportunity to meet each and every one of you very soon. The minute I walked into VCP I knew it was something special. On behalf the teachers and myself, we truly hope that you'll return to Valley Christian Preschool when we do reopen. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out as my "door" is always open!

All the best,

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