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Good evening Preschool Families!

After much discussion and consideration of many scenarios, as well as, the state's decision to amend some of the guidelines for childcare centers to remain open, we are going to aim to re-open on Tuesday, March 24th. Please keep in mind that the situation at hand could change if there is an executive order preventing us from opening or if there is a local COVID-19 contamination. We will operate under normal hours at this time.

Faith Christian Preschool has worked hard to sanitize our preschool facilities. A commercial sanitizing business will be sanitizing our facilities as well before we return on Tuesday. With us deciding to re-open, this will result in a few changes in some of the ways we typically conduct our preschool day/week.

1. If your student is showing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, and/or vomiting, do not send them to preschool. Students must be 24 hours fever free without the help of a fever reducer before returning to preschool. If a student experiences any of these symptoms at preschool, they will be sent home immediately. If necessary, Faith Christian Preschool may check temperatures with a "no touch" thermometer upon arrival. **If you know your student has had contact with someone with the Coronavirus, you cannot bring them to preschool, and you must make the preschool aware of the situation.**
2. We ask that NO PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/VISITORS enter the preschool building. Only preschoolers and staff will be allowed in the preschool facility. The NC Department of Health and Human Services is requiring us to enforce this rule in order to keep the possibility of contamination at a low. A staff member will be at the door to greet you and escort your student into the building during drop-off time (students should arrive by 8:15AM). The same will take place at pick-up. If the students are inside because of weather, please knock on the door and a staff member will assist you (please wait outside the door). If the students are outside, please wait outside the fence, and a staff member will assist you in gathering your student's items for the day. A staff member will sign the sign-in/out sheet for those dropping-off and picking-up at this time in order to maintain the number of individuals handling it.
3. We ask that each preschooler bring 2 blankets with them for naptime. We will be using one to lay on the cot itself and the other for them to cover-up with. We are trying to eliminate using sheets at this time so that we may better sanitize the cots each day. We will be sending these items home each day, instead of weekly. Whether you choose to wash them before returning them the next scheduled day for your preschooler or send new items is up to you. We strongly encourage sending fresh laundered items each time. Please send these items in your student's backpack. This will eliminate us having to use a multitude of grocery bags.

4. Students have always been instructed to wash their hands frequently according to state regulations. Hands will be washed more often now. Example: Washing hands before (already in daily practice) and AFTER eating.
5. Please remember: Do not send individual hand sanitizers with your student. We will continue to wash hands and provide hand sanitizer only if is deemed necessary.
6. Surfaces will be sanitized in abundance. We have been in close contact with all the necessary resources who are keeping us up to date with approved cleaning strategies and items to use.
7. We will still be providing snacks and lunches. Please bear with us if the menu changes daily based on food supply.
8. The preschool schedule may be subject to changes during this time. Instruction (learning) time will still be provided daily. We may spend extra time outside enjoying the fresh air as weather permits. Reminder: Please dress your student weather appropriate.
9. Depending on how the ongoing virus situation develops, we are working on the possibility of making-up the days. However, March 5th – March 13th will not be issued as days to make-up. These dates were already issued on the calendar as “Spring Break” when school began.
10. PRAY. Please continue to pray for everyone during this challenging time. We realize the impact that it has had on so many. We are praying that this season will pass soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding. GOD IS FAITHFUL.

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