



## Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

Dear Preschool Families,

I am writing today to give you an update for the completion of the 2020/21 school year. As I shared previously, it has been our hope to provide in-person preschool options starting in January 2021. This goal is dependent on Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Preschool Board that governs Christ Memorial Christian Preschool.

The church has recently made the difficult decision to keep Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church closed until March 1, 2021. This decision will be revisited in February with the strong possibility that the closure will be extended further. As a result of this decision and HCPSS's recent decision to stay virtual through the 3rd quarter, the Preschool Board convened to discuss the operation of the preschool.

After reviewing many factors including the church closure, HCPSS's virtual status, health and safety for staff and families, and fiscal limitations, the Preschool Board voted unanimously to cancel all in-person preschool options at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool for the 2020/21 school year.

This closure saddens myself and all the staff at the preschool greatly as we love nothing more than welcoming your children into our school each day and spending time helping them become the special people God intended for them to be. As the staff of CMCP we feel we have lost a part of ourselves this year not being able to do what we all believe is our calling, to serve God's children within the preschool. However, we do believe the church and Preschool Board are making the correct decision given the current limitations we find for ourselves and our community.

The church and Preschool Board both fully support the preschool reopening for the 2021/22 school year and as a staff we all plan to return at that time. Christ Memorial Christian Preschool is a very special place to all of us and we are hopeful that we will be able to continue to serve the community at that time.

The staff of the preschool want to support your child's learning at home so we will continue our video lessons through the end of May, when preschool would typically end. We will continue to not charge families for these lessons.

**At this time, I need all my currently registered families to please acknowledge that they have received this notification that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool has cancelled all in-person preschool options for the 2021/21 school year.**

**Please email a response to this message letting me know which of the following options you select for your 2020/21 Registration Fee.**

**1 - Refund my registration fee via the format I paid originally.**

**2 - Apply my registration fee to the 2021/22 school year so that my currently registered child or a sibling will secure a spot for next year.**

**3 - Donate your registration fee to the preschool to fund our goal of continuing to support our virtual lessons and staff during this closure.**

**Thank you all for your understanding during this difficult time. Please know that this is a challenging time for all of us and certainly not the outcome the staff was hoping and praying for this year. If there are any questions I can answer for you regarding this decision please do not hesitate to ask.**

**I look forward to hearing from everyone regarding their receipt of this message and decision regarding your 2020/21 registration fee.**

**Brightest Blessings,**

**Heather Gallagher  
Director**