

Dear Parents,

As we put the year 2020 behind us, we eagerly look forward to a brighter future with hope, health, love, and a true appreciation for all of the things that we have in our lives.

As leaders in early childhood education for over 30 years, our success can only be attributed to the entire school community working together. We do know that our future will be bright and we will continue on this path, because of all our families' love and support, together with the impeccable professionalism of our dedicated staff and quality programs.

Today we take the initiative to move our school forward through 2021, and beyond. Our commitment to all of our families remains steadfast; we will continue to provide the highest quality early childhood education while remaining vigilant on updating and complying with all of the health and safety procedures as outlined by the Office of Licensing, Department of Health, and the CDC.

For over 30 years, it has always been our belief in family values, the quality of our staff, and the advanced academic curriculums that set Home Away From Home Academy apart from other educational institutions. The documented and published philosophy, "The Visone Method" and our reputation in the community distinguishes us from every daycare and pre-school in the State of NJ.

Please find attached the following important guidelines for our 2021/2022 school year registration process.

2021/2022 REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- We are pleased to announce that beginning September 2021, we will return to our regular school schedules, which will include our maximum hours of 7:00am – 6:30pm, and all schedules in between.
- We will not be offering any half day schedules, but will accept part-time (2-5 days) full day registrations. Infant, Early Waddler, Waddler, and Elementary programs will remain five full days only.
- We will be offering five full day, in-person Kindergarten *and* First Grade programs in the next school year. Further information will be sent regarding these classes.

- **We will begin in-house priority registration for all existing families on Monday, February 1st.** We will complete all registrations through the **office only** in the following procedure:
 1. Every family in the school will receive a Pre-Registration form (attached). If you wish to complete a registration for the upcoming school year, please complete this form, and return it **before February 1st** to the office via email, fax, or at our check-in point.
 2. Once we receive your Pre-Registration form, we will complete our usual School Year Agreement, and send it home in your child's folder for your signature.
 3. The School Year Agreement must be returned within 48 hours in order to reserve your class placement.
 4. Any additional security deposit owed will be billed directly to your Smartcare account. The amount owed will be denoted on the registration agreement.
 5. For any family not returning to our school for the 2021/2022 school year, please indicate this on your Pre-Registration form, and your security deposit will automatically be applied to your June 2021 tuition.

- The priority registration period will also include any sibling who does not currently attend our school, but is part of an existing family. Please let the office know if you need to register a sibling, and we will send home the additional required paperwork.

- Please note that we do try to comply with the October 1st cut-off date standard. When registering your child, please consider their age, and eligibility to move forward. Please feel free to speak with your child's teacher for guidance on this.

- Please know that as always, our returning families will not pay a registration fee. We will also **not** be issuing a COVID surcharge to any of our existing families in the coming school year.

- Please find the 2021/2022 rate sheets for each class attached.

- Summer registrations for July and August will be completed separately in the month of March. The operating hours will remain the same as they are currently.

- **MOST IMPORTANTLY** **Please understand that any and all of the above is subject to change contingent upon guidance from the Office of Licensing, Department of Health, and/or the CDC.**

If you are happy with what we do, and what we have accomplished during this unprecedented time, we ask for all of our families' support to spread the word through social media, Google reviews, and friends. Your positive words will only help with our continued success, and we would appreciate it!

We thank you all sincerely for your attention and cooperation with the above. We are truly blessed with wonderful families, and we look forward to continue serving you.