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Dear Parents and Children ,

We have had quite a busy week preparing everything for your safe return to school . We are all super excited and we just can't wait to see your little faces. We can't wait to show you our new way of greeting and we want to show you how to do Air Hugs . We are going to have so much fun !!

As it stands currently we will see only Grade R's back on the 6th of July BUT we have already sent necessary documentation to the department of Social Development that our school is already 100% compliant to accommodate Grade RR (4-5 years) , 3-4 Years and 2-3 Year age groups as well but still uphold the regulations we need to stay safe. Everyone is positive that we will also get the go-ahead for these age groups to also start. I am especially positive about this because we are on three campuses and the kids and teachers will be far apart from each other and stay far apart from each other .

It is imperative and very urgent that we know who will be returning on the 6th of July . This will help us see how we will be able to accommodate all the kids and teachers.

We had a thorough and vigorous meeting on the 17th and 18th of June of Do's and Don'ts regarding keeping all of us safe the way forward . I am satisfied that each and every one of us at Buggy Malone will know what to do when Buggy reopens .

Parents this is where we need your help :

All of our children have been in your "protective custody" for the last three months . It might sound strange but their immune systems are very low now because they have been kept away from any sort of germ , dirt , infections , viruses and so on . It is advisable to dose them with Vit C or a good Multi Vitamin from now on until they return to school to help them build up their immune systems . Please answer all their questions .. their Why's and Who's are important to them and it helps them understand the world they are living in at the moment. It must seem strange and confusing to them so it helps when you talk to them about what's happening . Explain to them that there will no longer be hugging and kissing of any sort . Not a friend and not a teacher . We will be teaching the kids a form of sign language and we will make it a fun way to communicate with each other.

Everything will be the same at school .. but different :

1) Mommy and Daddy will no longer be able to drop a child off at their classroom BUT there will be a friendly face at the testing stations at the main entrance of each campus before your baby goes inside to their own classroom . There will be a lot of assistance .

- 2) Mommy and Daddy have to get to school a few minutes earlier to answer a checklist EVERYDAY . We have to give Social Development a thorough weekly summary of checklists. I suggest bringing your own pen to sign the checklists each day.
- 3) Mommy and Daddy cannot be late anymore . The gates close at 8h00 and testing stations get removed , cleaned and sanitized for the next session.
- 4) If Mommy or Daddy need to speak to someone in the office they need to wear a mask. NO MASK , NO ENTRY.
- 5) If a child has a temperature of 37.4 or higher he/she must return home and be tested for Covid. If a child develops anu flu symptoms PLEASE let them stay home.
- 6) Any child that falls in a high risk group because of a chronic condition should rather not return to school.

We suggest the following please :

- 1) We will take the utmost care when it comes to the meals we serve . If however you feel safer sending your own food in a lunchbox from now on , please feel free to do so. Please let us have this information beforehand .
- 2) Each child must bring their own water bottle. This will please stay at school , cleaned and sanitized every day and then filled with fresh water . Only the child will handle their own bottle when they are thirsty and need a drink of water. They will put it back in their own zip-lock bag when finished. Ziplock bags are supplied by the school for your convenience.
- 3) Please don't send any personal items to school , e.g. toys .It would even be better not to send a school bag anymore unless you choose to send your child's own lunch or for medicine.
- 4) Please screen your own child everyday . Please look out for the following symptoms : Cough , Shortness of breath , Fever , Chills , Muscle pain , Sore Throat , New loss of taste /smell
- 5) Please make sure your friendly Taxi guy can be trusted to follow the safe distancing rule as well as keep his Taxi sanitized and clean.

Parents we are in this together and if we adhere to the rules set out by the government we will be OKAY . Please do not get angry with the teachers if they insist on you filling in the checklist , Don't get angry with them if they close the gates at 8h00 , don't get angry with them if they ask you to rather take your child home because of a high temperature . They are following the rules to keep everyone safe and to keep our school open. If we don't follow the "new normal " our school will close , you will have to find alternative care , teachers will lose their jobs and the school might not survive it a second time . It might close permanently.

We would like to welcome all our parents and children back . I would like to remind all parents that we are open every day from 8h00 to 12h00 until we officially open on the 6th of July. Please pop in and come and see us even if it's just to come and say hello . If there are account queries then this will be the ideal time to sort it out together before school starts .

- I will be sending a few videos still and any other information I think you might find useful.
- I am also attaching a letter to be signed by parents . It's really all above information in a nutshell.
- I am also sending you a few photos of the new Bugsy Malone . My teachers and staff have worked hard to get the school prepared and I think they need a hand of applause . Thank you so much my darlings I would not have been able to do it without you . You have made me proud and you are truly TEACHERS .

See everyone soon , Belin