



Thursday, June 25, 2009

TO: Parents
PIPS(HK) & PIPS(Kln)

FROM: Debi Li
Principal

RE: ENFORCED SCHOOL CLOSURE CONTINUED



As you are probably now aware, the EDB has decided to continue with the school closure until the start of the next new school year.

We were hoping we would be able to resume operations on the 26th to at least say our goodbyes to our PIPSHK families since school is done for that campus on that day. We were then looking forward to having some remaining time left prior to the summer break with our PIPSKln children.

We now find ourselves unable to achieve both of these outcomes due to the continued school closure.

I hope you have taken the time to check out the websites for both schools where our teachers have prepared and posted learning materials for these past 2 weeks.

To our PIPS families at both campuses we send our goodbyes, love, and best wishes to those children moving on and to those families returning we look forward to sharing another exciting year ahead.



Since PIPSKln's year does not end until July 15 please note the following arrangements are in place as we continue to cope with the disruption of our operations due to the closure;

Website Downloads

Our teachers will continue to prepare and post learning materials for the next 2 weeks; June 29th & July 6th.



Pre-nursery Orientation

This orientation has been rescheduled for the last week in August. We will keep you informed of the exact date and time. In the meantime the school has prepared a pack of orientation material and has already been emailed to those families whose children will attend Pre-nursery in Sept. Feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions with regard to the orientation.

ECA Classes



Due to the continued closure of our premises we are unable to provide any makeup classes for these programs.

Summer Program



The decision has been made to cancel the summer program. Since the risk of infection can be potentially harmful to young children we believe it is best at this time to adhere to the closure. The processing of all payments has been halted and you can contact the school's offices (HK & Kln) to arrange for collection of your payments.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

These interviews will continue on July 6. Your class teacher will make arrangements and inform you of your specified time. During this day we ask that you collect all of your child's belongings from the school. We will arrange to have everything bagged and labeled and will be found hanging above your child's cubby. Graduation certificates will also be available on this day



Playgroup Certificates



These certificates can be collected between July 6 -10. At the same time the teachers will have prepared for the collection of the children's artwork.



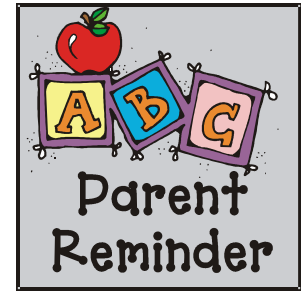
Library Books

Please ensure that all library books are returned to the school on either parent-teacher interview day or when you come to collect Playgroup Certificates and/or other belongings left at school.



SCHOOL FEES

Please be reminded that the collection of school fees is still in effect for the month of July. We thank those many families who have understood our situation and that this closure was enforced on us by the EDB and CHP and we had no choice but to adhere to their directive. I believe though that this was a good decision since our focus should remain on keeping our little ones as healthy as possible and free from any exposure to this virus which for them could be extremely dangerous.



For those families who are still registered in July but have chosen to cancel their autopay please ensure that you submit your cheque for July fees to the school by July 1. We have had to remind our parents at Kowloon many times that our fees are determined annually and approved by the EDB. We have chosen to distribute the collection of the school fees over 11 month installments.

If you have chosen to withdraw your child from school by the end of June or for any family that withdraws without submitting one month's notice please be advised that your child will not be issued with a report card and you will not have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in a parent – teacher interview.

For any family who has registered their child for Sept. '09 and you have either chosen an early withdrawal or decided to leave before the end of the school year without submitting 1 month's notice then you have also forfeited the guarantee of a space for Sept. The registration process will need to begin again and you risk being placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Once again many apologies for this disruption at such an inappropriate time of our school year. We also are missing seeing the children and experiencing the joy they bring to our day – that is why we are here and without them during these past 2 weeks we have all been feeling a little lost.

Our school is just a building without the joy and laughter our little friends bring with them each day as they arrive to school.

I thank you all for your encouragement and support throughout this past year and especially during this enforced school closure, a time that requires understanding and cooperation together to keep our children and your children safe.

Enjoy your summer vacation and we look forward to another exciting year in 2009!

