



August 14, 2020

Dear Park's Edge Preschool Families:

As we patiently await the decision from the Whitnall School District, whether they will hold school in person or virtual, we do realize that many school districts have made the decision to start the school year with virtual learning. I want to reassure families with school-age children, we are here to facilitate virtual schooling in the event your child's school district chooses to go virtually this fall semester.

I want to emphasize Park's Edge Preschool is an integral part in the infrastructure of the Hales Corners and surrounding communities in serving families needs and expectations. The Park's Edge Preschool team is dedicated and essential to the extension of your family's support system, especially during these transitional times.

We recognize the importance for children to attend school for their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and ethical development. However, if that is not possible this year we are here for their care and will support the educational virtual system(s) for all school-age children in our program.

I want to emphasize again the staff are here to provide supervision and loving care for your child. We will oversee each school district's virtual teaching, but the staff at Park's Edge Preschool is only equipped to facilitate and the teaching is expected to fall on the school districts teacher and the parent. Park's Edge Preschool staff is only overseeing the virtual learning. They should not be considered responsible for the relationship or the education provided by the school district, the school teacher and the parent are responsible for the child's education. The responsibility of completed assignments, etc. will fall on the parent.

Park's Edge Preschool will take responsibility in creating a positive encouraging environment for virtual learning. The classrooms will be arranged to provide an environment to further children's virtual learning in providing for a successful education. Park's Edge Preschool will be enhanced to give children their individual space for learning. We have recently upgraded our internet ability to support the many chrome books that we anticipate this fall. The staff has also restructured their classroom schedules to accommodate virtual learning, recess, etc. to further meet and benefit your child's individual learning styles and needs.

We anticipate a full-house in serving the many families that will need child care in the event they do not return to school physically this September. We will continue to keep children in small pods as staffing allows it. Park's Edge Preschool will continue following CDC guidelines and OSHA standards in serving the public during this epidemic. Please watch for a **Virtual School Parent Agreement Form**, if your family is choosing to remain at Park's Edge Preschool for virtual learning. If you have any questions, please see me or Kristin. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen M. Kvalheim".

Ellen M. Kvalheim