
September 3, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and to thank our existing families for your continued partnership with us during this unprecedented time. We want to bring you up to date with regards to information about the new school year.

The NYC Department of Transportation's Office of Pupil Transportation has finally admitted that there are no buses available on the day school is scheduled to start on September 9th, 2020. And, they have given no definitive start date. Given the constraints and restrictions imposed by the Department of Health about only one child per seat, the amount of buses needed for this is unattainable. Additionally, Mayor de Blasio announced that they are delaying the start of in-person instruction. Therefore, given what we know today, we will have no choice but to begin the school year remotely. In light of the transportation issue, we are canvassing our parents now to see if you are able to bring your child to school & pick him/her up, and, if so, how many days. We plan to have staff in the schools as of the week of September 14th. We continue to evaluate the situation daily and will remain in contact as the situation evolves.

ADAPT's primary obligation continues to be the safety of all the children and the staff. As such, our staff have and will continue to participate in on-going training in infection control and the re-opening preparedness. For the new children starting in our programs, the teachers and therapists are reaching out to you to set up initial home visits. For specific questions related to this, you can reach out to the director of your child's program.

We will continue to hold virtual meetings with you to keep you informed. As soon as we have new information to share with you, another meeting will be scheduled. Our goal is to educate your child safely and effectively with everyone's best interest in mind. We look forward to a meaningful and productive school year. We have set up an e-mail address on our website for you to send in your questions. We will be checking and responding accordingly. The email address is: schoolparents@ADAPTCOMMUNITYNETWORK.ORG

In addition, we are sponsoring a Virtual Family Summit the week of October 19th-23rd, 2020. We have attached a flyer with the information.

Sincerely,



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