

Dear Preschool Families,

I am writing to update you on the fall reopening plan for the preschool. We plan to open the preschool on Monday, August 17th with in-person instruction. *St. James' at Home* is available to all families who do not choose to enroll in the on-campus program. Please complete this survey by Friday, August 7th to let us know of your choice of in-person or remote instruction. As we have previously shared, you must commit to a minimum of one month with the virtual program once enrolled.

There will be a discussion around the preschool remote curriculum Tuesday, August 4th at 4:00 pm, and I encourage you to join us for that discussion. We will update you on our refined teaching and learning philosophy with the remote program and our Civil Society Compact for families planning to enroll in the in-person program. It cannot be emphasized enough that all of us -- particularly those coming back to campus -- must practice appropriate social distancing strategies when outside of school. It puts children, faculty, and staff at risk to choose to ignore these public health directives and guidelines.

These last several months have been very trying for all of us and particularly you as families working to develop a rigorous and meaningful educational experience for your children. St. James' is grateful for the opportunity to partner with you on this journey. We take this vital collaboration very seriously as we ensure a robust, joyful, and significant learning experience this school year. I'll look forward to seeing you next week for further discussion. Please click here to join the Family Coffee on August, 4 at 4:00 pm.

All my best,

Peter Reinke Head of School

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