



December 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Four months ago, when preparations for this school year were still underway, I would not have imagined we would make it to Christmas without a temporary school closure due to Covid. Praise God the school year has gone so well to date.

However, the numbers in the community continue to rise and are expected to continue to rise over the coming weeks.

We do have effective protocols in place, however, out of an abundance of caution for all the students, staff and families of HCPS, it has been decided to delay the return of preschool students after Christmas break until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Hope Church, including Kids Sundays, has reverted back to all online services effective this weekend.

Although we typically follow the Greece school district decision process, we are blessed that as a private preschool, we can make a decision in the best interest of our students when it is warranted.

A few key factors led to the decision. School resumes immediately after 2 major holidays with family gatherings, which statistics show are a risk. The fact that parents and siblings need to enter the building with the students, along with a number of service providers and our staff team, add to the gathering number within the school at a time when we are being asked to avoid gatherings and take extra precautions.

Due to the makeup weeks built into the school year, it is not necessary to risk the immediate return when we can enact a makeup week. The 5 missed days will be added to the end of the school year at no additional charge, as stated in the 2020-2021 School Policies. The lessons planned that week will be covered when children return to in-person class. May 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> will be the makeup week, following the regular schedule.

During the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> the teachers put a message on your Facebook class groups, with a hello message to the children, as well as suggestions of activities you may choose to do at home to have fun.

If we need to be closed any additional days due to Covid there are make-up dates remaining. If you no longer have your copy of the school policies and would like to review the dates you can find a copy on the website.

(<https://sharethehope.org/hope-christian-preschool/>) under “Information for Current Families”

Thank you for your continued support. My prayer is for all families to enjoy time safely with family and friends and for all to remain healthy.

God Bless,  
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