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Dear Preschool Parents!

We hope our letter finds you and your family well. Our district is preparing to reopen for full day hybrid instruction on April 19th, and we are working diligently to ensure a smooth and safe student transition for parents who choose for their children to attend in person. In that spirit, as Behaviorists, it is our main priority to continue supporting an enriched and safe classroom environment where your child's social, emotional and behavioral development can thrive with effective protocols in place. It is for that reason we want to take this opportunity to make you partners in our ongoing efforts by strongly encouraging you to start utilizing the same social distance and mask wearing protocols at home. By working on them for the next 3+ weeks, you will be providing your child the opportunity and head start to enhance and reinforce their practicing of safe behaviors which will continue upon their return to school.

For such practice at home, we have respectively attached to this letter the following Safety Protocols:

- Mask Wearing Protocol
- Positive Feedback Strategies
- Mask Wearing Social Story
- Hand Washing Learning Visual Tool (to guide your child step-by-step)
- Token Economy Template
- How to: Using Token Economy
- Positive Reinforcement vs. Bribery

Additionally, please view this Youtube presentation discussing more behavioral strategies you can implement that will make your child successful: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=WEMI08ytU04</u>

We all look forward to seeing our students back, ready to work on wonderful things in the classroom and support their transition back to their specialized programs. In the interim, we wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Spring break!

Sincerely,

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