



Friends School Haverford

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Dear Heritage House families,

Though I'm saddened that we cannot enjoy these beautiful spring days on campus, I'm hopeful that FSH students and families are finding solace soaking in the sunshine and May flowers. I'm writing today to share our plans for the 2020-2021 school year in light of continued uncertainty surrounding the COVID 19 health crisis.

As the School Committee and Core Administrative Team plan different scenarios for returning to school in September 2020, we are carefully monitoring the most recent recommendations from the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health about when a return to campus will be possible and what that will look like. We will be re-evaluating the situation throughout the remainder of the spring and the summer and we will update families as decisions are made. Our goal is to have students back on campus as soon as safely possible and we are planning accordingly.

At the same time, we are also planning to continue with or resume our distance learning program in the event of a period of mandated closure in the coming academic year. In light of this possibility, I am pleased to share with you a Flexible Tuition Plan for families of our youngest students in the upcoming academic year.

In the event that we must move from our on-campus program to our distance learning plan in the 2020-2021 school year, Friends School Haverford will apply a portion of your tuition payments for those weeks as credits toward future tuition. For each calendar month between September 1 and June 1 in which only distance learning is provided, we will automatically reduce your family's tuition obligation to the minimum tuition for your child's class, regardless of how many days or how much time your child spends at FSH. In increments of four weeks (to be capped at a total of 12 weeks, or 3 months), families with children in Nursery, Preschool, and Pre-Kindergarten will be credited the difference between their 2020-2021 tuition and the minimum tuition payment for their child's program. Credits will be issued on June 1, 2021, to families who have paid the year's tuition in full; departing families will receive a refund in the month of June. Please find the specific tuition credits available to families based on the program in which you've enrolled below.

<div>If you chose this program for your child </div>	You will be credited this amount per month
Nursery School 5 mornings	\$450
Nursery School 5 full days	\$800
Preschool 4 mornings	\$250
Preschool 3 full days	\$210
Preschool 5 full days	\$850
Pre-K 5 full days	\$350

We want to provide this flexibility to Heritage House families in light of the uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the possibility of further mandated closure of schools in the upcoming academic year. This new plan applies only to tuition for students enrolled in Heritage House due to their young age, the challenges families face in engaging with distance learning with our youngest learners, and the various half- and full-day program options in our early childhood program.

While the costs associated with running our robust child-centered, play-based early childhood programs are fixed, we recognize that both the impact and the continued uncertainty of this pandemic demand maximum flexibility and we are diverting our resources accordingly. We look forward to your return in September and to working with your children in the academic year ahead.

Best,
Liza Ewen
Acting Head of School