

June 19, 2020
2020-2021 School Year:

Dear Acorn Parents,

Enclosed is a copy of the financial agreement for the 2020-2021 school year, which you signed during enrollment. Please mail your first required payment by **July 1st**, to The Acorn, 3501 Broadway, SATX, 78209. **We are offering a 2% discount for tuition paid in full for the semester. There will be a 3% discount for tuition paid in full for the year.** This will help ensure that we can continue to have our teachers available to provide distance learning, should we face closure for any reason. Families may still choose to pay tuition monthly at full price. If paying monthly, your first payment covers annual fees plus September tuition. To pay by credit card, you can make online payments through our school website. If you need to come into the office to make a payment, please call ahead to make sure someone is here. You will be asked to wear a mask when entering the building. Please remember that once paid, your July payments are non-refundable and non-transferable, no exceptions. If circumstances have changed and you are not able to send your child to The Acorn, please let us know immediately.

We are starting the school year three weeks earlier this year, on August 17, and there will be no extra tuition due for these three weeks. We have decided on these additional weeks on the off chance that we should need to close temporarily at any point during the school year. Should we need to close, we will immediately transition to class specific distance learning that we expect to be on par with your child's classroom experience. Please be advised, we are not offering adventure club or lunch bunch at this time, but will hopefully add them later in the fall.

The first set of forms for the 2020-2021 school year will soon be available on the website; you will be emailed when they are ready. Please complete all forms online by **July 10th**. Texas Childcare Licensing and the State Health Department require that a child have their completed forms on file with the school in order to participate in the program. We will print out forms and they will be ready for you to sign at your child's home visit.

Head teachers will be calling to schedule outside home visits in early August. If you will be traveling during this time, please call the school office and let us know, so the teachers can get in touch with you at a convenient time.

Many of you have been reaching out with questions about the upcoming school year. Thank you for your patience as we plan for summer camp and for fall. As you can imagine we are creating many contingency plans to be prepared for the upcoming months. We are constantly monitoring federal, state, and local guidelines and adapting our plans accordingly.

Attached is our Covid-19 policy, which is also included in our parent handbook. This outlines our new procedures and policies regarding drop off, pick up, and classroom management. We know you have many questions about the upcoming year. As always, our goal is to meet state and federal guidelines in the most developmentally appropriate way possible. We will continue to be a warm, loving environment, where children learn in the way children are designed, through play and interaction. For more specific questions, please contact Wendy, Carrie, or Mara.

Thank you for your patience as we work to create the best possible experience for you and your families this fall. We will continue to update you as our plans develop and change. Thank you for your flexibility! We look forward to a great 2020-2021 school year!