

June 27, 2020 – School Opening

When is the Red Apple opening for the 2020/2021 school year?

Red Apple follows the Stafford County public school calendar as much as possible. This year, we will adapt our schedules to meet health and safety concerns that may be in place when school begins. We know the following thus far:

“At their June 23rd meeting, the Stafford County School Board approved an updated school calendar that both delays the start of the school year by one week and adds two additional days onto the academic year. These changes have caused the school year to begin on August 17th and end on May 28th.”

If Stafford County does begin school on this date, some of our classes will open too. These will include children who attend our school five days a week and cheetahs. Other classes will not start until after Labor Day. Their tuition rates will be adapted. Once we become aware of the plan for Stafford County, we will develop our plan appropriate for our children. Staggered start dates and arrival and departures will assist in safety concerns. We will send out emails and post in the News section on our website as this information develops.

When is the first tuition payment due?

This year tuitions are due two weeks before Red Apple school begins. You will be notified by emailed invoices. Please delete the currently scheduled July 15th due date.

Will proper safety and health precautions be in place?

Yes. We will follow the regulations required by the Commonwealth of Virginia, licensing, and accreditation with others recommended by early childhood programs that have remained in service during this period. We will send out information about these policies when they are fully developed. We are supposed to enter Phase 3 on July 1st, 2020. Thus, far we have not received guidance for early childhood Phase 3. Until we do, we are unable to develop policies fully. We are aware of many things we will be required to do, and we are planning, but we are unable to announce them until we are fully informed.

Will there be changes in policies?

Yes, there will be temporary changes. Arrival and departure will most likely be staggered. Upon arrival, we will take the temperatures of all people entering the building. People that may enter the building will be limited. Families will provide single-use supplies for their children. However, you will be informed of these before school begins. Be assured that we have been planning and researching all the potential possibilities.

Red Apple is very fortunate to have a remarkably talented and caring staff who will do whatever it takes to provide the best program possible, in an age-appropriate and safe manner, during these unusual times. We will contact all our families about the plan for Red Apple when we receive more information.

Thank you,

Red Apple School

