



**BROOKLYN
FRIENDS
SCHOOL**

March 31, 2020

Dear Parents,

You and the children have now have connected with the teachers in your check-in meetings. I heard many lovely comments shared by the children shared. Some children were more watchful at first, some seemed to have almost run the meeting. Each of your children are individuals with wonderfully different personalities, temperaments and styles of learning and interacting.

Tomorrow is our first virtual Morning meeting/circle time. Just as everyone didn't immediately interact in their check-in, we know that not all will participate fully in the early days of our connecting through zoom and video. This is our virtual phase-in time. We want them to have time to find their way to a comfortable place in what will be a very different school experience with their teachers and classmates. It is fine if they just watch or if they are not ready to speak up. It is fine if they get up and move away from the screen and return when ready. All of that is expected and appropriate.

Moving forward, every morning there will be a live Circle time to join. If you can be there with your child every day that is lovely, but we understand that may not be possible given work commitments, older children's schedules, etc. This is why we will record the sessions.

Schedule and calendar for this week and next:

Wednesday, April 1 : Our premier virtual Circle Time 9:30am

Thursday, April 2 : Circle Time 9:30am

Friday, April 3 : Circle Time 9:30am and a Sing Video.

Monday, April 6, Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8 : In addition to the 9:30am Circle Time, we will be sharing videos from the classroom teachers, Nancy (Music), Tony (Sing) and Mary (Dance), Naomi and me. More details will be sent next week.

Thursday, April 9 - School Closed - Passover

Friday, April 10 - School Closed - Good Friday

Looking ahead I will be scheduling Parent Coffee Hours, teachers are planning new ways to interact and share with the children and more as we create the best Virtual Family Center program possible. We are all very excited to begin these important connections with the children.

Do let me know if you have any questions at this time.

In Friendship,
Sara