



# Early Childhood Centre

## COVID-19 Update #7 to Wee Nippers Community

26 March 2020

### To our Wee Nippers Community

In many ways, today is a day like no other as we adjust to our daily life during the Level 4 COVID-19 Lockdown. On the other hand, the sun still rose, the birds are singing and the grass is still growing. While these are uncertain times, we hope that there are silver linings to this situation that you can enjoy with your family.

Wee Nippers in Invercargill and Mosgiel remained open on Tuesday and Wednesday for children of essential service workers. Our thanks to the teachers who volunteered and to team members that took the two days to make sure their classrooms were able to be closed down for four weeks, admin and learning stories were up to date and the kitchens were cleared.

A special mention to our cleaning teams who have carried on throughout, making sure that the Centres have been clean and hygienic while we were open and now ready to be closed up for four weeks. Before we reopen there will be another thorough clean of the Centres and playgrounds.

We will continue to follow Government and Ministry advice on when Wee Nippers can reopen. Our provisional reopen date is **Thursday 23 April 2020**. Please keep an eye on your emails, StoryPark, our Facebook pages and <http://www.weenippers.co.nz/> for any updates.

While we are closed, we will regularly post links to online and offline fun, educational resources and activities on Facebook to keep everyone entertained and busy. If you are trying to work from home these may make the difference!

First up, here's one from the Ministry of Education that is being updated regularly ... <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

There will be no fees or meal charges while we are required to close due to COVID-19. Tomorrow you will receive your invoices for this week. They will have charges for any Monday attendance only. There are no charges from Tuesday 24 March 2020 until we reopen (including essential service employee children who attended on Tuesday and Wednesday.) Due to the ever-changing nature of this situation, this will be reviewed on a fortnightly basis and may change should circumstances require.

We have a number of families with accounts in credit. If you would like your credit refunded, please email Simone on [simone.flight@weenippers.co.nz](mailto:simone.flight@weenippers.co.nz) with your name, your Centre, your child's name and reference, and your bank account details. We will process this for you. For anyone with weekly APs and a zero or positive balance, you may wish to pause your AP until 20 April 2020.

To assist us as a business continuing to pay its employees over this time, can we please ask that anyone with outstanding balances on their accounts to continue their APs or online payments to bring that balance down while there are no fees being charged. Over the next four weeks, your invoices will be sent on Fridays so that they reflect the payments made during the week.

So that we can keep you informed, please **make sure that if your contacts have changed at all, that they are updated**. You can do this by emailing [manger.mosgiel@weenippers.co.nz](mailto:manger.mosgiel@weenippers.co.nz) or [manger.invercargill@weenippers.co.nz](mailto:manger.invercargill@weenippers.co.nz).

As ever, if you have any questions, please contact Nat, Rachel, Simone or George, by phone, txt or email. And please go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/> for links to all the official government info and advice.

We're all in this together.

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<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

<http://www.weenippers.co.nz/news/covid-19-updates/>

<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>