

Dear Parents and Guardians

## **PEAK CHILD FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

During 2020 we have, as a country, and the whole world, had to face an event that none of us was properly prepared for. The Corona virus pandemic has changed the way we work, socialise, and think about our families, our health, and our priorities. We have all been impacted emotionally and financially.

We are very excited to have reopened our three pre-schools last week and are encouraged that children are returning. We appreciate that parents fear for the safety of their children and we believe that we have done everything we can to make our schools as safe as possible. We also believe that our pre-schools are one of the safest places right now for children – emotionally and socially but also physically as we witness the very low impact of COVID amongst young children worldwide. We have both sent our children back to their schools. For those parents who have chosen for the moment to keep your children at home, we hope that you will stay in touch with us. You are still as much a part of the Peak Child family as before and we look forward to welcoming your children back as soon you feel comfortable to do so. We will be here.

COVID has also had a massive financial impact on all of us. Many people have lost their jobs, or are working part time, or are not being paid a full salary. We realise this is a real challenge and would like to do what we can to assist you. Some very encouraging news is that we recently received a generous donation from a local church's Education Restitution Fund to assist parents who want to bring their children back to Peak Child but cannot afford to do so in the short term. This funding will enable us to co-fund the school fees of 10 children for the 5 months from August to December 2020. Families receiving this assistance will only pay 50% of their monthly fee for the remainder of 2020.

The Fund has some stipulations as to how the funds can be spent, and we will honour their guidance. We will prioritise these funds for existing Peak Child parents who have been significantly financially impacted by COVID, whose fees were up to date at the end of March 2020, and who are not subsidised by their employers. If you would like to apply for this assistance, please send an email to [info@peakchild.co.za](mailto:info@peakchild.co.za) with the subject "Application for fee assistance" and include proof of your loss of income or reduction in income. We cannot guarantee that families who apply will receive assistance, but we are going to try and raise more funds from other generous donors.

Yours sincerely

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