## **Pacekids Programs**



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Dear Pacekids Families,

We are writing to inform you of some important and exciting programming changes for the 2024-2025 school year at Pacekids. These changes are being made to enhance the equity and effectiveness of our programs and ensure all our children receive the best possible support.

<u>New Extended Afternoon Programming:</u> Moving forward, Pacekids will extend afternoon programming to create equity between our programs, ensuring all students have access to 800 hours of programming. Our new school hours will be:

Morning classes: 8:15 - 11:35 a.m.

Afternoon classes: 12:55 - 4:15 p.m.

<u>Transition to 4 Seasons Transportation:</u> For the 2024-2025 school year, we are transitioning from our current internal transportation program to engaging 4 Seasons Transportation. 4 Seasons is a Calgary-based organization dedicated to the safe transportation of children with diverse needs. Their staff are well-trained in managing behavioral and physical needs, and they provide support along each route to minimize cancellations related to behavioral, mechanical, or weather-related issues. More information regarding 4 Seasons can be found at: <u>4 Seasons Transportation</u>.

Morning and Afternoon Placements: To accommodate the new hours and transportation changes, we are reviewing our morning and afternoon placement process. Moving forward, children will be assigned to a placement based on the community they live in. This supports our transportation process and helps children form a sense of community with peers who live in the same area. These connections can foster lasting support networks as children may attend community schools, recreational activities, and see each other at playgrounds.

<u>Inclusive Classrooms:</u> To further support all children, we will move away from a dedicated Speech Language Enhancement program in the afternoon in favor of more inclusive classrooms that cater to varied needs. What remains unchanged is Pacekids' commitment to providing your child targeted support through universal classroom strategies, access to our therapy team, IPPs, and the continued support of our classroom staff.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these changes to better serve our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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