



Dear ParentSMART PAT Families,

March 16, 2020

Your health and safety is extremely important to us. For that reason, we are following Governor Henry McMaster's order issued on Sunday, March 15th, stating that all schools in the State of South Carolina will be closed until at least the end of March 2020, which includes Rock Hill Schools.

During this time, all in-home, face to face Home Visits, Group Meetings and Family Literacy classes are cancelled.

In lieu of in-person home visitation, we will be offering personal visits through Virtual Video Conferencing. Virtual personal visits are visits with families through an interactive video conferencing platform that allows there to be two-way, real time communication between the parent educator and parent(s), guardian(s), or primary caregivers and their child(ren). These visits are delivered using a device, preferably a computer or a tablet. Each virtual personal visit will contain the same components as an in-home, face to face visit, only the delivery method is different.

Your Parent Educator will contact you prior to conducting the first Virtual Video Conferencing visit. We hope you will join us in order for you and your child to continue to learn and grow. If you do not have a laptop or tablet, you may use your mobile phone. If you do not feel comfortable Video Conferencing, we can conduct the personal visit with audio only on your mobile device. We will also provide additional resources that you can use with your child(ren).

This is a rapidly changing situation, so please check the school district website at www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/coronavirus for updates. We will also communicate on our social media platforms, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and via email during the extent of this closure.

These are unprecedented and challenging times, but working together, we will get through this as a community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your Parent Educator or myself. My phone number is 803-981-1917 and Email: ctaubenkimel@rhmail.org.

Thank you for your patience as we share additional information in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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