

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To the Families at Dartmouth Day Care Centre,

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Premier Stephen McNeil put in place new province-wide measures designed to halt the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As such, all childcare centres in Nova Scotia will be closing beginning March 17<sup>th</sup> until April 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2020 (inclusive). As the April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline approaches the provincial government will reassess these measures and decide on any further action.

During this time Dartmouth Day Care Centre (DDC) will be closed. As previously stated DDC will cooperate with all provincial and federal mandates that pertain to the COVID-19 outbreak at all times. Families and children enrolled at DDC will not be able to access the centre location or its services for this time. As such **no fees will be charged** to families during the dates of centre closure, tentatively 17/03/2020 – 03/04/2020 (subject to change per provincial or government mandate)

Because families have already paid March fees DDC will offer a credit to families during the following pay period of April 2020. Offering families a credit for fees paid is in accordance with Nova Scotia's Department of Education mandate. See the attached letter from the Department for further details.

DDC's Board of Directors understands how challenging and stressful this time might be. We are being asked by the province to close the centre and must comply. We regret this necessity and wish each family safety and health in such a trying time. We always have a choice to respond in care and not panic; I would like to remind you just how much DDC cares about each of its families.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine-Laura Dunnington'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name 'Catherine' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Dunnington'.

Catherine-Laura Dunnington, Chair  
and the Board of Directors  
Dartmouth Day Care Centre