

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To the Families and Staff at Dartmouth Day Care Centres,

The board of Dartmouth Day Care Centre (DDC) wanted to provide each of you with an update as the provincial COVID-19 response continues. As many of you may have heard, the provincial government announced that childcare centres across the province may open as soon as June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. At the writing of this letter we have received no direction on this reopening from either the Department of Health or the Department of Education.

Likely you have many questions about what this reopening will look and feel like. I would like to state, on behalf of the board, that we at DDC are doing our best to create plans for a future reopening that puts the safety of our families, children and staff first and foremost. As stated before, DDC will comply with all mandates issued by the provincial government and Health Canada at all times as these mandates pertain to the COVID-19 response.

The Nova Scotia Department of Education is in consultation with early childhood experts across the province to try drafting a plan for centre reopening. We will continue to update our community as information is made available to us. We thank you for your patience as we all work together to navigate this unprecedented situation.

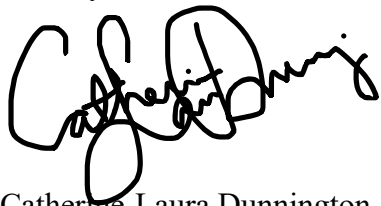
A few families have reached out to our executive director to let us know they do not plan on returning to DDC when centres reopen. I would like to remind each of you that as of now *our centres are closed*. Thus, no notices of resignation, or enrollment, can be officially made until the time our centres reopen.

It is our policy that all resignations from our centres require a 2-week notice period. This means that your two-week notice will commence on the date of reopening. Similarly, enrollment at either of our centre locations will only be made available on the date of centre reopening. We appreciate your understanding.

If your family chooses to delay your child's reentry into the program after our centres have reopened your child's spot is guaranteed as long as fees are paid.

As always, we hope you are finding ways to navigate this stressful time. We wish you continued health and safety.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine-Laura Dunnington', written in a cursive style.

Catherine-Laura Dunnington, Chair of the Board  
on behalf of  
The Board of Dartmouth Day Care Centre

