

June 9, 2020

Dear Parents,

This afternoon, the Premier and the Minister of Education announced that licensed child care centres are allowed to open again as of Friday, June 12, 2020. This announcement came as a complete surprise to MCRC and to our colleagues around the province. We are eager to reopen and provide what we know is an important early learning and care support for you and your children, but **we will NOT be ready to open on June 12, 2020.**

We have not yet received any guidelines or protocols for reopening our centres. At the very minimum, we understand that our operations will look much different and will be available to less children than previously allowed per our licensed requirements. Staffing will look different as will all daily operations and this kind of change cannot be implemented, reviewed and approved in 72 hours.

The steps we will need to take before we are ready to open will include, but are not limited to;

- Develop the required protocols and procedures to receive approval from the Region of Halton to reopen.
- Survey families to determine needs.
- Determine the new groupings to best meet the needs of the children and to make the best possible use of our centres.
- Recall our staff teams from furlough.
- Train our staff on the new standards and expectations, including screening protocols.
- Ensure appropriate food purchases in place to resume kitchen operations.
- Arrange for deep cleaning of all our centres and ensure PPE is available for all staff on site.

This is a new world for all of us and we strive to keep you, your children and our staff safe in an inspiring and healthy learning and care environment. This takes time and careful consideration to ensure stability for all.

Please know that our team is working to open as soon as we can safely do so. MCRC will keep you informed every step of the way so that you can make appropriate decisions and plans for your family. The Supervisor of your child's program will be reaching out to you in the next two days to survey your child care needs and requirements at this time. We anticipate it could take a minimum of two weeks for us to prepare to successfully reopen. We will continue to keep you updated as to our progress and look forward to collaborating with you to ensure the continued well-being and safety of your children.

Sincerely,



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