Dear Families March 23rd 2020

 During this time of crisis, we have been following the advice of the BC Chief Medical Officer and kept our facility open to ensure all of our families had access to childcare.  The directive was to enable all persons that were directly involved with the fight against COVID 19 to have the comfort that their children were looked after.

We have seen that most of our families have been diligent in self isolation and social distancing, making sure they minimize the contact with others.  This has been great to see but the number of children requiring care has also diminished.  As most of you have either been able to work from home, had their hours reduced or been laid off, our requirement for facilities has also been reduced.  This combined with the concerns of our staff and their needs regarding care for their families.  We have found it more and more difficult to find enough staff to meet our licensing requirements. It is with a certain level of sadness but also some relief that we are informing you of our decision to temporarily close Curious Minds Learning Centres.  We had already closed the OOS program at MRE and moved to Glenwood.  We have just moved the 3-5 from Eric Langton to MRSS.  For the rest of this week, with lower numbers and fewer staff able to work, we have gotten authorization from Fraser Health licensing to run a multi-age child care.  Starting tomorrow Tuesday March 24th all children are directed to our Maple Ridge Secondary School location, 21911 122nd Ave.  All public parks and playground have shut down, however at the MRSS location we have our own private play area so we can continue to give children safe outdoor time. We will officially close all programs as of Friday March 27. I also want everyone to know that all spots will be saved for when we return, no one will lose their spot at Curious Minds during the time that we need to be closed. We will be destroying all of program cheques for April and will continue to do so for each month we are not operating

 Please note that this is just a temporary suspension of our operations and we will be keeping everybody informed via Facebook.   It could only be for a month but the minute it is safe to open up our doors will be sure to get up and running as quickly as possible.  We will continue to daily keep up with news conferences and press conferences of the Ministry of Health to be able to keep everyone informed an updated on current situations Please everyone continue to do your part in the community by staying safe. Curious minds would like to thank everyone for their patience, their cooperation and their support throughout this difficult time

 I understand that this decision will have a big impact in your daily routine. I would like you to know that we are committed to the well-being and learning of your child.