Dear Families

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your support during this difficult time. It has been truly amazing to see.

With the recent announcement of BC’s plan for Phase 2 from Dr Bonnie Henry and Premier Horgan giving some direction.

Curious Minds wants to be proactive, working together with our families, to slowly reopen some of the Curious Minds Centres to provide care.

I am reaching out to families to see how the new Phase 2 reopening changes or affects your family.

We would like to find out how many families are now in need of childcare?

What hours of child care you would need? How many days/week?

Your input is very important to us and it will help us to make some adjustments to better support the children, families and staffing.

Curious Minds is considering a few different options on how we keep the children, families and staff safe.

While talking to other child care providers there has been talk of reducing hours so staff will have a chance to disinfect and sanitize the centre and toys every night. To ensure the health and safety of all children and staff, our “Sickness Policy” will be strictly enforced.

Understanding we are anxious to get to that next phase, but we are also cautious to not give up the ground that we’ve made.

As Dr Bonnie Henry explained these openings are not going to be happening overnight and we want to take all necessary precautions as we ease slowly in reopening.

When things are opening up and there's, perhaps, more opportunities to transmit this infection, we have to be very, very careful.

Curious Minds needs to do everything we can to prevent infection from coming into the centre, our homes and affecting individuals with a compromised immune system.

While eliminating the risk completely isn't possible, Curious Minds will continue to implement impeccable hand hygiene, santize and isolate individuals who experience symptoms.

To prevent the spread of the coronavirus, Health Canada recommends washing your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, not touching your face, practise social distancing, and stay home if you're sick.

It was never the intention of Curious Minds to ever cause any inconvenience to any of our families during our closures

This is why we would like feedback from ALL families on how we can better assist your family now and moving forward.

After receiving information from all families we will be able to formulate our plans to reopen.

We will keep you informed at every step as we all try to adjust to this new normal

I would like to plan for a June 1st re-opening for the families in need.

As previously discussed, regarding fees. Only families that are using our services will be charged.

Those who still feel unsure or uneasy sending their child to the centre, and still have the option to stay home, take your time.

We will not be cashing your cheques and your spot will still be held for you when you choose to return.

Regular fees will be charged for students attending Curious Minds. With the exception to the Out of School Care Programs, as they are not attending school, we will be going into full days and summer rates.

Unfortunately at this time our preschool programs still need to remain closed until further notice

Please send Ms Stefanie an email ASAP regarding your family situation, any questions and your concerns to [curiousmindslearning@shaw.ca](mailto:curiousmindslearning@shaw.ca)

Cut off will be Friday May 22nd so we can gather all the information, review all emails and start preparing a plan.

Thank you

Ms Stefanie