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*... and the day came when  
the risk to remain tight in a  
bud was more painful than  
the risk it took to blossom*

Anais Nin

April 8, 2020

Dear LEF Families;

On behalf of the Learning Enrichment Foundation, our Board of Directors and our childcare centre teams, we would like to thank you for your patience during this challenging time as the COVID 19 pandemic crisis continues to grip our neighbourhoods, our city, our province, our country and our world.

We trust you are staying healthy and practicing physical distancing to ensure your safety and the safety of others, specifically those vulnerable persons in our communities. As you know, all childcare centres have been closed across the province, by the recent provincial State of Emergency order.

While this 14-day renewable order extends only until April 13, the expectation, given ongoing school closures until at least May 4, and credible medical officials suggesting the need for aggressive continuance of physical distancing for another three months, we expect our centres will remain closed until at least the end of June. Hopefully we can open earlier, but it is best to be prepared for the worst.

We hope to answer queries you may have about your fees and your beloved childcare teams. As noted in the communication to families on March 18, LEF recognizes and deeply understands the various stresses caused during this unprecedented time. With many employers having to lay off staff, and the length of these closures being unknown, everyone is worried.

We made the decision to support our staff for a limited time frame without confirmation of funding continuances. However, as we remain without confirmation of these support from the Provincial Government, we too have made the difficult decision to lay off most of our childcare team, effective April 7.

March Fees for the days our LEF centres could not provide services will be credited to each family's account for the days the centre was forced to close. This credit will be applied to future invoices. The Learning Enrichment Foundation will not invoice families for April fees; indeed, families will receive no invoices until we have a confirmed date to reopen. As soon as we get an update from Toronto Children Services and/or the Province related to childcare, we will update you.

In the meantime, we know you have been receiving resources and activities, and have had contact with your centre – through Storypark, direct email or conversations with supervisors. These resources will continue to be shared on a bi-weekly basis going forward.

Should you have any questions, please do reach out.

Sincerely,

Dan Wise  
Senior Director, Children & Families

Peter Frampton  
Executive Director