



# Park Lawn Preschool Inc.

*Parklawn Preschool ★ Humber Bay Child Care Centre ★ PLP Early Learning Centre at St. Mark*

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Dear Families:

After careful assessment of the risks and the operating requirements necessary to ensure the health and safety of our staff and the children in our care, the Board of Directors of Park Lawn Preschool Inc. has made the difficult decision to **delay reopening plans to September 2020**.

At each stage, Park Lawn Preschool Inc. has been planning to reopen as early and as safely as possible. We involved our staff in analyzing and understanding the multiple guidelines and in planning how they would work in our programs. We surveyed our parents to assess the needs of our families. We developed policies and procedures to meet regulatory and Public Health guidelines. We made realistic assessments of our reduced operating capacity, our increased staffing needs and the financial stability of our business.

The province announced a gradual reopening of childcare for Ontario. Our decision to delay reopening to September reflects our belief that we cannot open and serve our families safely and with the responsive and nurturing care that we are committed to providing for our children. It also reflects that at this time, there are too many risks, liabilities and issues outside our control to be able to open now. Many other centres have made a similar assessment. We hope that there will be more clarity around these issues as we approach reopening in September.

We continue to provide weekly training and program planning support for our staff to prepare for this unprecedented new reality of working with children in congregate settings as safely as possible during a pandemic. We plan to engage staff in mid-August for on-site training and to co-ordinate with schools around their September plans in preparation for reopening.

Our top priority is the health and safety of children, families and our staff and the emotional well-being of children. We did not make this decision lightly. We understand how critically this affects our families and staff. We appreciate your ongoing support and the patience and understanding of our Park Lawn Preschool Inc. community.

Although we cannot address the individual circumstances of each family at this time, we welcome your comments and questions.

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