

June 24, 2020

***Sent on behalf of TDSB Child Care Services***

Dear Child Care Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued patience as we work to support the reopening of child cares in TDSB schools. The TDSB is committed to making our schools available to support as many children as possible through our child care and community partners.  We, like many of you, have been working diligently to ensure that children and families are back in child cares in over 300 schools across the TDSB.

The background work of preparing schools to host child care and summer camps is a complex task involving many departments because of the high number of stakeholders, school sites as well as the *guidance* necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19.  One of our key goals throughout this planning process is to ensure that TDSB plays a role in supporting child care centres who want to reopen to children in July and August.

As a follow up to the message you received earlier this week, we would like to provide you with the following important information to support your planning.

* Effective July 2, TDSB will be ready to support any child care centre that is ready to reopen in leased exclusive and 12 month shared space, and has received the required authorization.
* Any centre that receives authorization prior to July 2 should contact a member of the Early Years Child Care Staff to discuss options.

* Each child care centre will reopen in their own time based on their administrative planning and the number of parents who have confirmed their need for child care.

* Requests for additional space will be assessed on a school by school basis determined by a number of factors.

* More information to support the operationalizing of reopening child care over the summer will be sent in the coming days.
* The TDSB is working with the Ministry of Education, Toronto Children’s Services and Toronto Public Health on planning for September. More information about this will be shared later in the summer.

We thank you in advance for your patience and commitment to supporting children and families through child care.  We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. As always, our team remains available should you want to connect with us directly.

Sincerely,

**Child Care Services**

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