



March 1, 2021

Dear Kandalore Families,

Since my last COVID-19 communication, our team has been working hard to prepare for our 2021 Summer program. Planning for camp this year has included many challenges, but also opportunities. Although we need to reimagine different structures and routines in camp, the resounding opportunity is having your kids at camp with us this summer – connecting with others, experiencing adventures and enjoying the outdoors.

Our summer planning continues to be guided by local, provincial, and federal guidelines as well as from looking at valuable research. Resources include the American Camp Association's [Camp Counts 2020 Report](#), which examines the COVID-19 Responses and Practices of camps that ran in 2020, as well as The Hospital for Sick Children's recommendations [COVID-19: Guidance for School Operation during the Pandemic](#), among others.

We have been connecting with leaders in Ontario Boarding Schools and Universities, who have been safely running campus living programs for their students since September. We are consulting with Toronto's Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Vinita Dubey who has been guiding us on our policies to ensure that we implement safety measures that create a safe site for our community. An important takeaway from these leaders, experts and valuable research, is that Kandalore will likely need to utilize a variety of safety protocols to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 at camp this summer.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact our lives, there still remain uncertainties as to how Kandalore will operate this summer. **As a result, we are extending our final fee payment due date from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Our hope is that this extension provides our camp families the necessary time needed to make a more informed decision about their upcoming summer.**

Our team continues our planning for the summer with the health and safety of our community as our priority. I look forward to remaining in touch as the summer draws nearer with more detailed information as it becomes available.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns.

Take care and be well,

Janice