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Dear Kandalore Families,

With these extraordinary times comes significant change - change to our priorities, our routines, and, most of all, in our ability to connect in person with our loved ones. As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, I have been overwhelmed by the number of families who have reached out to tell us how much camp means to their children and how hopeful they are that we will once again be able to offer them another unforgettable experience this summer at Kandalore.

For this reason, it is with deep sadness and great regret that I am writing to you today. The Government of Ontario has made the unprecedented decision to close all overnight summer camps for the foreseeable future. Because of this, Kandalore has no choice but to cancel all of our Summer Programs for 2020.

It breaks my heart to be writing this letter to our community. I know how much our campers, staff and all of their families love and need camp, now more than ever. Be assured, we will be doing everything we can to keep our Kandalore community connected. Connection and friendship are vital during these challenging times. We are looking at developing virtual ways to meaningfully engage with our campers, staff and their families this summer. Please stay tuned as we further develop these opportunities.

In the event that the Government of Ontario lifts or loosens the current restrictions that prevent camps from operating, we will investigate running the summer programs, but only within the parameters of being able to deliver such programs safely and feasibly.

We will be refunding currently registered 2020 families 100% of their fees, including their full deposit with administration fees. Please look for further communication about the specifics of your family's refund coming to you shortly.

We all know Kandalore is more than a place. It is a community and a feeling. For me, Kandalore is a place where I see kids truly connecting with each other - face to face, without the barriers of technology. It is a place where I see kids arrive hesitant and shy and leave beaming, independent and confident. It is a place where I see my own children, like our campers, being showered by love, connection and challenges from the moment they leave our cabin each morning. Many of your children have attended Kandalore for so long, they won't be able to remember a summer without it, and the thought will be devastating to them, especially as camp has been a beacon of light for them during this challenging time. Please know we will do all we can to help support them in whatever way we can. I know that our community will remain strong and connected and will continue to support one another until we can be together again on Lake Kabakwa.

Stay safe and be well. We look forward to connecting with you very soon.

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