



U65 Little Chiefs Primary School Policy and Procedures

HEALTH POLICY

It is inevitable that children in group care will get sick. They play very closely sharing toys with one another. As well younger children have a lower resistance to infection and communicable disease (those diseases that are spread by contact with someone's blood and body fluid).

Immunizations are the most effective ways of preventing the spread of communicable disease. Child care licensing requires that a copy of each child's up-to-date immunization record is on file. These records will be kept confidential.

Adequate hand washing within the centre is an important weapon in the control of communicable disease. Hands should be washed with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, before meals, snacks and before food preparation.

Consistent cleaning and sanitizing procedures of the toys and equipment at the centre will be followed by staff and standard (health) precautions will be used to reduce the spread of disease.



ILLNESS POLICY

While we are sensitive to the stress that illness may cause for families, we are not licensed to care for children when they are not well. There could be children in the program who become severely ill when exposed to even small colds.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME OR IN ALTERNATE CARE FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A cold or flu with fever, runny nose and eyes, cough and/or sore throat.
- Any pain
- Head lice
- All reportable diseases; fifth disease, meningitis, varicella, impetigo
- Trouble breathing – wheezing or a persistent cough.
- Fever
- A skin or eye infection not yet diagnosed
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Severe itching of body and scalp
- If your child is not able to participate in all program activities including outdoor play

Communicable disease or an illness that is passed onto others can be very common among children. To help other parents/guardians/caregivers with their children, notify the preschool as soon as possible if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease. This way staff can then let other families know (so they can then keep an eye on their children for similar reactions and contact their doctor/family health person if need be) as well as notify appropriate communicable disease departments.

NB: Only medication prescribed, or recommended for your child in writing or prescribed by a family health practitioner and provided in its original package with full instructions and precautions will be administered by caregivers. All parents must sign a "Permission to Administer Medication" form before any medication is dispensed. Medication is stored by caregivers in a locked container at room temperature or in the fridge if required.



BEHAVIOURS AND GUIDANCE POLICY

Each child is seen as a unique individual and the childcare workers are aware of the developmental stages of growth on behavior. When considering the behavior and guidance of a child the entire or whole being of the child is considered: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and socialization, consistent with the First Nations philosophy.

The childcare staff believe in and utilize positive language and reinforcement and preventative guidance strategies as it relates to the child's social, physical, mental emotional and spiritual safety. The following strategies to address behavior and guidance concerns:

- Redirection
- Plan ahead to prevent any problem behavior
- Encourage appropriate behavior
- Provide clear, consistent guidelines regarding appropriate and expected behavior as consulted with parents, staff and children.
- Discuss and review guidelines with children
- Early Childhood Educator(s) will guide the children in problem solving situations