

## Sick Child Policy

Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child to daycare or preschool. If a child shows signs of illness, or is unable to participate in the normal routine and regular daycare or preschool program, you will be called to pick your child up. A sick child will expose all children and staff members that they come in contact with. If other children become ill due to exposure to your sick child either because he/she was returned to daycare before full recovery or because he/she was not picked promptly upon notice of illness, other families will be inconvenienced. Because this is disruptive to other children and their families, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important.

You must notify the school if your child has been exposed to a communicable disease. This would include, but is not limited to, chickenpox, fifth disease, staph infection, or influenza.



### Symptoms requiring removal of child from daycare and preschool

- Fever of 101\* or higher. A child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to daycare or preschool. This means fever free without the use of fever reducing medications
- Any fever accompanied by a sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion.
- Diarrhea: runny, watery, bloody stools, or 2 or more loose stools within the last 4 hours.
- Vomiting 2 or more times in a 24-hour period. Please do not bring your child to school if they have vomited during the night.
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well-being of other children in our care.
- Unexplained rash, we will need a note from a doctor stating that the rash is not contagious.
- Flu/Pneumonia/Bronchitis, we will need a note from your doctor stating that it is okay to return to daycare. This usually takes 2-3 days.

**If your child is sent home with any of the above symptoms, they must remain home for 24 hours.**

**Medication:** All prescription medication must be prescribed by a doctor specifically for your child and must be in its original un-expired prescription container. All medication must be accompanied by a Medication Information Slip (provided in this manual and available from your teacher) completely filled out by a parent. The medication and the medication information slip must be turned into a teacher or director. We do not administer over the counter medication, except for allergy medication. We will not administer allergy medication that makes a child sleepy, as this interferes with a child's ability to fully participate in daily activities.

**Antibiotics:** A child with a contagious condition for which antibiotics have been prescribed may NOT attend CCDS if he/she shows any signs of illness as outlined below. This policy is for the benefit and protection of all children and staff.

**Diarrhea** is described as runny, watery, bloody stools or 2 or more loose stools within a 4 hour period. A child with diarrhea must stay home until the diarrhea has stopped and normal bowel movements have resumed.

**Fever** is described as 101 \* or higher. A child needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to daycare or preschool. This means fever free without the use of fever reducing medications

**Head Lice:** A child with head lice must stay at home until specific treatment is completed and lice and nits in hair and clothing are absent.

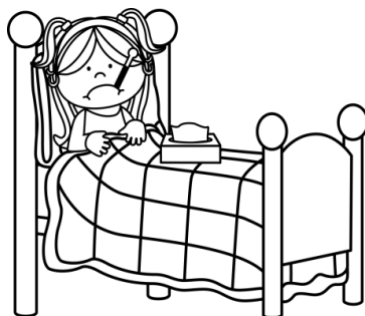
**Impetigo & Conjunctivitis:** These are very contagious conditions and must be treated with antibiotics before your child can return to daycare or preschool. Your child must be removed from daycare/preschool until he/she has been seen by a doctor and has been on medication for 24 hours. We will also need a note from your doctor.

**Runny Nose:** Generally, a clear discharge is okay, and a thick yellow-greenish discharge indicates a more serious infection. Please be aware of this and treat accordingly.

**Strep Throat:** A child with strep throat may not attend daycare/preschool until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. They must also be symptom free and feeling well.

**Vomiting:** A vomiting child may not attend daycare or preschool. Please do not bring your child to school if they have vomited during the night or two or more times over a 24-hour period.

**Children should be well enough to actively participate throughout the day. In any case of serious or unexplained illness a doctor's medical clearance may be required to return to daycare or preschool. These rules reflect a common respect and responsibility to protect children and staff from illness.**



## Medication Information Slip

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions for use:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Child's Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This slip must be completely filled out and placed in a zip lock bag along with the medication. Medication must be given to a staff member, do not leave in lunch box, counter or with a child.

All medication will be kept in a locked safe.

We do not administer over the counter drugs such as Tylenol, or other fever reducers.

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