

## CARE OF ILL CHILDREN:

Children who become ill, with a fever of over 100.4°, symptoms of communicable disease or any symptoms as listed in the Exclusion Policy, will be isolated from the other children until the parent or designated guardian comes for the child.

Parents will be notified to pick their child up as soon as possible. If the parent is unable to pick up their child within 30 minutes or cannot be reached, then the next person on the emergency contact list will be called to pick up the sick child. Child must be picked up within 1 hour of initial contact, failure to do so will be considered a breach of policy.

Illness reports will be sent home with a child to indicate when they will be allowed to return to school. Depending on the illness, we have the right to also exclude siblings of the sick child at our discretion.

If the staff has concerns about a child's ability to safely return to care, we reserve the right to request a note from the child's health care provider. To maintain a safe and consistent environment for our families, we will adhere strictly to our illness policy, even when a doctor's note is provided that states otherwise.

A child must be **free of fever and all symptoms for 24 hours without medication**, before returning to childcare. If antibiotics are prescribed, a full 24 hours of treatment is needed before a child can return to childcare. If the child needs medication at any time, we require a doctor's note, and the parent to fill out and sign the "Medication Administration Form" available in the office.

Families who repeatedly violate our Health & Safety policies and procedures by sending their children to school with serious health concerns, may have their child's care in our facility permanently terminated.

## PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUDING ILL CHILDREN:

Children will not be permitted to remain in or be admitted to childcare with any of the following symptoms.

- 1) Vomiting on two or more occasions within a 24-hour period
- 2) Fever of 100.4° or higher
- 3) Diarrhea: two or more loose/watery stools within a 24-hour period
- 4) Any rash,
- 5) Fatigue that prevents participation in regular activities including outdoor play
- 6) **Children with cold or flu-like symptoms must be kept home to minimize exposure to the other children and staff. While a cold or flu is generally not life threatening it does impair the children's ability to participate in the class and is contagious.**
- 7) Open and oozing sores or blisters that cannot be covered (especially on mouth, hands, or feet).

- 8) Lice or scabies \*\*\*Note: we have a NO NIT policy.
  - 9) Eye discharge or pink eye
  - 10) Symptoms of any childhood communicable diseases, including chicken pox, Hand, Foot & Mouth, strep throat.
- **Children with Hand, Foot & Mouth must be kept out of school for 7 days from the first day lesions appear, no exceptions. They must be fever free without medication and lesions must be scabbed over before returning.**
  - **Chicken Pox return time will be on a case-by-case basis.**

#### **MEDICATION MANAGEMENT:**

Written parent permission is required (Medication Administration Form) as well as a physician's note. All prescriptions must be presented in original containers with the child's name and dose. Medication Administration Forms expire 14 days from the origination date. See our Medication Administration Form for detailed policy. We may, in case of emergencies, accept verbal permission from a parent/guardian to give (prescription or over the counter) medicine to a child.