



WHITE OAKS MONTESSORI ILLNESS POLICY

As per our Admission Policy, parents are required to complete all the medical forms prior to commencement of childcare services.

ILLNESS POLICY

In order to ensure the overall health and safety of all the children, **we ask that you not bring your child to school if he/she has:**

- Received medicine for a fever on that day
- An elevated temperature of 37.8°C or higher
- Vomited within 48-hour period
- Diarrhea (3 consecutive loose bowels) within 48 hours
- Eyes/ears that have any coloured discharge
- Visible rashes that have not been diagnosed by a physician
- A severe cough, and/or congestion
- Any communicable disease including; Impetigo, Coxsackie Virus, Fifth Disease, German Measles, Hepatitis A or B, Meningitis, Measles, Mumps, Pertussis (Whooping cough), Scabies, Scarlet fever, Tuberculosis. The child will be allowed back at the school following a doctor's examination and provision of a note indicating that the child is free of any illness.
- Bronchitis or pneumonia

Should your child develop a temperature of 37.8°C or higher during the day, the staff will contact you immediately. Your child must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

When the child, in the opinion of the staff, becomes ill during the day, you are expected to pick up your child within the hour. In the event we are unable to reach you, we will call the emergency contact to pick up your child.

It is a licensed requirement that all children play outside, weather permitting. Your child should return to school well enough to participate in outdoor activities. Children are not permitted to stay inside, during regular outdoor play times, as staffing does not allow for this.

In order to ensure the overall health of all children WOMS will post signs at classroom doors when we are experiencing any illnesses in a class such as pink eye, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. When we suspect an outbreak of any such illnesses signs will be posted on all classroom doors and school bulletin board.

ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS

- The school will administer medication when it is required during program hours.
- A physician must prescribe all medication.
- Medication will be administered to a child only from the original container. The container must be clearly labeled with the child's name, name of medication, the dosage, the date of purchase, and instruction for storage and administration.
- Parents must complete a sign Medication Dispensing form indicating the times the medication is to be given, as well as the dosage.

In accordance with Day Nursery Legislation, all medication must be placed in a lockable medicine box in the refrigerator. Should the medication be required in the evening, it is the parent's responsibility to take it home at the end of the day. Any medication that is not to be refrigerated will be placed the medication box in the office.

In case of illness, if you are unable to come for your child or you cannot be reached, we must have a person on file that would be available to pick up your child. If this person is different than the emergency person, please let us know. **If a medical emergency occurs, your child will be taken to the closest hospital.**

OUTBREAK POLICY

The Public Health Act (Section 84) requires that children who are suffering from communicable diseases be excluded from school. If a child is on medication by prescription, he/she must be kept home for **48 HOURS**. For communicable diseases, parents are encouraged to consult a family physician before the child resumes attendance. It would be appreciated that the school be notified of any communicable disease so that other parents can look out for symptoms.

The period of exclusion that we follow for fever, vomiting and diarrhea are listed below:

- Children with respiratory illnesses (coughing, sneezing) must be symptom free for **24 hours** before returning to school.
- Children with a fever must be fever free for **24 hours** before returning to school.
- Children experiencing gastro-intestinal issues such as vomiting, or diarrhea must be symptom free for **48 hours** before returning to school.

In order to ensure the overall health of all children, WOMS will send a notice through Transparent Classroom and post a sign at classroom doors when we are experiencing any illnesses in a class such as pink eye, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. When we suspect an outbreak of any such illnesses, a notice to all classes will be sent through Transparent Classroom and signs will be posted on all classroom doors and school bulletin board.