



Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academy

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Policies Regarding Sickness

At our center we have very specific guidelines for parents regarding health. These policies are intended to be very clear on what health issues make it necessary for your child to be kept out of school. It is our hope that these policies address all concerns from parents and staff. Administered correctly and fairly, they should protect the best interest of all students enrolled at KRK, as well as our staff. As you read through our guidelines, please understand that they are not intended to be harsh or unfair. It is our nature in the center to hold, walk, hug, and comfort our children; not to send them home. We are asking for your help to keep our center as healthy and germ free as possible, by following the guidelines below.

- To preserve the health of all children, we ask that you do not send a sick child to school. Small children in particular are prone to infections because their immune systems are not yet fully developed. One sick child in a classroom places all other children at risk. In addition, the sick child typically has a miserable day.
- A child who has a fever should not be sent to school under ANY circumstances. D.C.F.S. regulations state that any child with a fever of 101.1 (except for Infants, which is 100.5) must not remain in the classroom. A child who is listless or show signs of illness should also be kept at home. A good rule of thumb to follow would be ; to keep your child at home if they are exhibiting any of the following symptoms:
 - Persistent stomach ache
 - Any diarrhea or vomiting
 - Deep or hacking cough, even without a fever
 - Sore throat
 - Excessive discharge from eyes, nose, or mouth
 - Yellow or green mucus drainage
 - Un-diagnosed rash
 - Un-diagnosed and untreated pink, swollen, matted, or runny eyes.

A child can return to school when

- The child is fever free for 24 hours without medication
- Child has been symptom free without medication for 24 hours.
- Child has been on anti-biotic for 24 hours or has a note from the doctor stating that the child is no longer contagious.

Medication is dispensed at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please start your child's medication in the morning to fit the above listed times. Please make sure to stop at the front desk to drop off any medication with a member of management and to fill out a Medication Authorization Form.

Please make sure to inform your child's teacher in the event that your child has been exposed to a contagious illness, so that we can watch for early symptoms. If your child becomes ill at school, we will notify you and your emergency contacts. Children will then be removed from the classroom and brought up front to the Boo Boo room where they will remain until they are picked up.

In addition we have pasted the Sick policy that can be found in our Family Handbook on pages 12-13 for your review below.

Sick Policies

Our ultimate goal is to provide a place where your child can learn, develop and have fun in a safe and healthy environment. The School is not equipped with the staff or facilities to care for sick children for an extended length of time. We depend on you to assume care for your sick child. The following guidelines for excluding children help us to keep many communicable illnesses out of our facility and thereby maintain regular attendance from the majority of the children and staff.

A child will be excluded from the classroom and comforted in the "Boo-Boo Room" by a member of our administration while the family members are contacted to pick up within two hours in the event of:

- *For infants: fever of 101 degrees or higher*
- *Children ages 1-12: fever of 100 degrees or higher (underarm reading)*
- *Diarrhea episodes of more than two in a day*
- *Skin rashes that are not diagnosed by a physician's note*
- *Vomiting episodes of more than one a day*
- *Nose drainage that is thick and green or excessive for the comfort of the child*
- *Eye drainage of any type accompanied by red eyes or mucus crusted around the eyes*
- *Pink eye or symptoms similar to those of pink eye*

- *Chicken pox or measles sores are suspected*
- *Scabies symptoms are suspected*
- *Respiratory problems including uneven breathing or severe coughing with wheezing or croup*
- *Sore throat, especially if swollen glands are suspected*
- *Strep throat symptoms are suspected*
- *Head lice are found*
- *Appearance or behavior is unusual and the teachers agree that the child is not feeling well enough to participate with the rest of the class including lack of appetite, confused or irritable*
- *Unusual color is noticed in the child such as jaundiced eyes or skin, pale in the face, stool or urine is an unusual color*

All of these conditions will require 24 hour symptom free or a doctor's note for the child to resume their normal attendance schedule. Children must be completely fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to School.

If your child becomes ill at School, we will contact you and isolate your child from other children in the Boo-Boo Room until she/he is picked up from School. If your child is absent, please contact us and let us know the reason. We will need this information to prevent the spread of contagious disease in the facility.

I have read and understand the above policies regarding health and sickness.

Parent/Guardian

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Date