



Playschool Health and Illness Policy

If a child becomes ill while at school, the staff will take all measures to comfort the child while reaching a parent or emergency contact. Any child who cannot leave school immediately will remain in the Director's office until they are picked up by an authorized adult. Playschool is not a suitable environment for sick children and the health of all the children is our responsibility. Working parents should have a contingency plan for care to avoid conflicts when their children are sick. Our regulations are designed to protect the well-being of all children and to guard as much as possible against avoidable absences for health reasons. When there are symptoms of illness, or other indications that a child is not well enough for group activities, arrangements must be made for their care at home. We don't have provisions for the care of children who are ill. Prompt care at the beginning of an illness can often shorten its duration.

Children with the following may not be brought to Playschool:

- Chicken Pox
- Conjunctivitis
- Lice
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Fever within the past 24 hours
- Pin Worms
- Strep Throat
- Severe coughing
- Difficult breathing

Children sent home with any of the above illnesses **may not return** the following day. Children may return to school 24 hours after the disappearance of all symptoms, including the disappearance of fever, without medication.

As a preventative measure, we always issue a health alert when any communicable illness is reported.

Unusual behaviors will be monitored closely and parent(s) will be contacted if other symptoms develop or they are not able to participate in group activities:

- Cranky or less active behavior than usual
- Crying more than usual
- Feeling general discomfort or seeming unwell
- Loss of appetite

When your child returns to school, they should be well enough to participate in the regular program, including indoor and outdoor activities.

If your child requires medication, you should fill out a medication permission form with your signature and date. A new form must be completed weekly. All medicine must be brought to the Director clearly labeled with name, dosage, and time of administration in the **original container**. Only the director or another authorized staff member may administer the medicine.