

LITTLE STARS ACADEMY

Sickness/Illness Policy

For the protection of all of the children in our care as well as the health of your own child and our family, this is a reminder of Little Stars Academy sick policy. In order to protect the group as a whole, L.S.A ask that parents assist me by keeping sick children at home.

In the event that a child becomes sick while here the family will be notified and prompt pick up arrangements will be made.

If a child is sick, unable to play outdoors, and/or unable to participate in regular daily activities, alternate arrangements for care must be made. Children with infectious illnesses cannot attend.

When a child may not attend daycare Fever 99.9 degrees and higher this includes the night before/morning of daycare ~ No fever for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

If you had to give your child medicine the night before then that still means they cannot come to daycare the next morning.

Rash ~ Unexplained rash ~ Consult doctor/Need a note stating your child is not contagious.

Vomiting or/and Diarrhea ~ All symptoms must be gone and no Vomiting or Diarrhea for 24 hours

Strep Throat ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours and be without a fever without medication for it.

Flu/Bronchitis/Pneumonia ~ Consult doctor/Need a note stating it is ok to return to daycare. This usually takes about 2-3 days before they can come back to daycare. Must be on antibiotics and fever free for at least 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication.

Ear Infection ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on antibiotics and no fever for 24 hours before returning.

Hand- Foot- and- Mouth ~ Consult doctor/Need a note stating it is ok to return to daycare.

Conjunctivitis (red eyes with yellow discharge)/Pink Eye ~ Consult doctor/Need a note. Child must be on eye drops/antibiotics for 24 hours.

Head Lice ~ Usually takes 24 hours to treat head and house ~ When all nits have been removed and the child is cleared from the doctor. Need a note.

Common Cold Policy

Children suffering from a common cold will be assessed on an individual basis.

Factors of consideration include the developmental level of your child in congruence with my ability to limit the spread of germs. The younger your child, the more difficult it is to keep the spread of germs down. Contagious diseases are often caused by the spread of bacteria or viruses (like chicken pox, handfoot-and-mouth, measles, etc.) in droplets of saliva and mucus and can easily be transferred through an uncovered cough or sneeze, or by sharing toys. Often these diseases are most contagious during the incubation period prior to symptoms showing, but fever often is a good indication that there is something wrong, thus the need to keep your child home for a minimum of 24 hours without fever reducers.

(Also when caring for an ill child, the ability to provide high quality care to all of the other children is jeopardized)

A child may return when he or she is free from symptoms and no longer infectious. The child should also

be well enough to actively participate throughout the day. In any case of serious or unexplainable illness, a doctor's medical clearance may be required prior to admission back into care. The final decision to exclude a child from care is made by the staff.

If you have any questions concerning this policy and whether your child should attend, please call me before bringing your child.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS OF ALL CHILDREN IN MY PROGRAM, AND REFRAIN FROM BRINGING AN ILL CHILD UNTIL 24 HOURS HAVE PASSED SINCE ANY FEVER, VOMITING, DIARRHEA, OR ANY OTHER COMMUNICABLE SYMPTOMS HAVE OCCURRED.

I understand and agree to follow the terms of this child care sick policy.

Parent Signature

Date

Provider Signature

Date