



Royal City Cooperative Preschool Policy Manual

POLICY: Sick Child & Notification of Parents Policy **REVISION DATE: March 02, 2017**

To ensure the health of all children, teachers will observe children daily before and during class and association with other children in order to detect possible symptoms of ill health. Under no circumstances should parents bring child who is showing signs of illness to preschool.

Children presenting with the following symptoms should be excluded from attending classes at RCCP while the symptoms are present:

- Fever (axilla/armpit) temperature of 38°C or 100°F or higher within the last 24 hours. A fever may be accompanied by general symptoms such as listlessness or excessive sleepiness;
- respiratory symptoms such as sore throat or trouble swallowing, coughing, runny nose and eyes, earache.
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, loss of voice, hacking or continuous coughing.
- Infected skin or eyes, or an undiagnosed rash.
- Severe itching and/or dry skin on either the body or scalp if caused by head lice, body lice, or scabies.
- Diarrhea or loose stools (may or may not be combined with nausea, vomiting, or stomach cramps). 2 or more loose stools within last 4 hours.
- Vomiting: 2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Note: please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.
- Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice, rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm.
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well-being of the other children in our care.
- Children with known or suspected reportable or communicable diseases (see attached Appendix)
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If a child shows or develops any sign of illness while at school, the teacher will call the parent (or emergency contact) immediately and ask them to come for the child. In the meantime, the child will be isolated from the other children. The school will not give the child any medication at this time.

If the parent or emergency contact is not available to remove the sick child from the school, AND the illness warrants it, a medical practitioner or nurse will be contacted to attend to the child.

If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease (see attached Appendix), inform the teacher and/or Health Chairperson immediately so that other parents may be appropriately notified. Your child's name will not be posted, but, for example, notice of a case of chicken pox, german measles, meningitis, or other appropriate information will be provided to parents as the situation warrants.

Staff must notify the local Medical Officer of Health (Public Health) immediately when they know that a child enrolled in the child care program has a reportable communicable disease.

Parents of children with special medical needs must provide written instructions to the teacher, signed by the parent or a physician. These instructions are to be filed at the school.

APPENDIX

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Please visit the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Web Site on Common Infectious Diseases in the link below:

[https://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca/sites/default/files/wdgpHfiles/Guide%20to%20Common%20Infectious%20Diseases%20for%20Child%20Care%20Centres%20\(2015-09\).pdf](https://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca/sites/default/files/wdgpHfiles/Guide%20to%20Common%20Infectious%20Diseases%20for%20Child%20Care%20Centres%20(2015-09).pdf)

We recommend you keep your child at home during the infectious period if he/she or a sibling is ill with any of the above communicable diseases.