

ILLNESS

Each day, our educators will complete a daily health check of all children upon arrival to identify any signs of possibly contagious symptoms. We will not admit children showing any signs of illness or communicable disease upon the arrival at the academy.

If your child becomes ill at the academy, we will call you immediately to let you know so that you can make arrangements to pick your child up in order to allow them to rest and recover at home. When you arrive, your child's educator will describe the symptoms and the time when your child became ill. We will also inform you when it is safe to have your child return to the academy.

- For children who are experiencing a fever (anything higher than 37.5 Celsius) the child must be taken home and are not permitted to return to the Academy until they are fever free without medication for 24 hours, or have a physician's note stating they are safe to return. Temperatures for children will first be taken on the forehead and followed by under the arm. Staff will continue monitoring temperature every 20 minutes or less.
- For children who are experiencing diarrhea and/or vomiting, the child must be taken home and are not permitted to return to the Academy until they are diarrhea and vomit free without medication for 48 hours, or have a physician's note stating they are safe to return. Diarrhea must occur more than once before a parent is called for pick-up. Vomiting may only occur once before a parent is called for a pick-up
- If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they may not return to the academy until 24 hours after they have taken the first dose of antibiotics.
- If a child is not able to participate in classroom activities, or whose symptoms indicate an illness that can easily be communicated to other children - or staff, then the academy will ask you to pick-up your child. A physician's note may be required to return to program.
- If your child presents a more serious illness or injury, we will contact you immediately, take care of your child in a more comfortable and quiet place within our facility, administer first aid if necessary and call 811 for health support or 911 for emergency help. All of our staff is trained in first aid, in order to help more efficiently if required.

We will not dispense any medication to a child unless there is a specific order in the child's medical file. Educators will always put the children's health first and are **very respectful of your time**. Asking a parent to pick-up their child if they appear ill is **only** done after careful observation of the child and any symptoms.

The academy will post a notice on the parent board when a diagnosed case of a particular illness has appeared in your child's classroom. Your child's educators will have a copy of a symptom guide and treatment fact sheet for you to take home, if required.

If your child is symptomatic, please notify the academy immediately as such cases may need to be recorded on our reports for Environmental Health and Childcare Licensing.