

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

The health and safety of your child is one of our foremost concerns at AHS. It is a responsibility, which we take seriously on a daily basis. We have established several policies to ensure that your child's health and safety is protected while entrusted in our care.

AHS is a well-child facility. This means that if your child is not feeling well, you will need to find alternate care. To protect your child, the staff and the other children, it is requested that your child not be brought to school if he/she is ill. State regulation requires that there be daily observation of each child on arrival at the Preschool. A child who is ill upon arrival at the preschool will not be admitted and will be separated from other children until the parent / guardian can pick up the child.

We plan our programs with the assumption that every child will attend their scheduled class. If your child is unable to attend preschool, please notify the office. In case of an infectious disease, we ask that you seek your physician's advice and always notify us of the disease immediately. By law, the school is required to notify all parents of any communicable diseases on premises. When children have been exposed to communicable diseases such as Hepatitis, Chicken pox, Measles, or Strep infection, etc., the school will notify guardians of children immediately. A release from the child's physician is required for the child to re-enter the classroom.

In general, if your child is too sick to go outside and play, then your child is too sick to attend childcare. If your child has a common cold (slight cough, sneezing, or clear runny nose), your child may attend daycare. However, if your child reaches a point where s/he requires constant attention will not play cries continuously, whines and wants to be held constantly, then your child will need to stay home.

**If a child displays any of the following symptoms, s/he must be kept at home. Additionally, if these symptoms are observed after the child has been dropped off to school, s/he will need to be picked up immediately from school:**

- 1 Fever (child will need to be picked up if fever goes above 100.4 degrees)
- 2 Diarrhea (after two loose motions)
- 3 Vomiting (after two incidents on the same day)
- 4 Nasal secretion that is yellow or green, and accompanied by a fever. Cloudy or colored nasal secretions may indicate an allergy. Please check with your doctor to rule out infection and provide doctor's note stating that the condition is not contagious.
- 5 Sore throat with fever or spots.
- 6 Cough accompanied by fever, chills, and the coughing up of green or yellow mucous, vomiting, or nausea.
- 7 Eye drainage of any kind should be checked by the doctor to rule out bacterial infection. A doctor's note must be provided indicating that the condition is not contagious.
- 8 Unusual rashes should be checked by the doctor.

**A child may return to the preschool after illness when:**

- 1 The child has not had a fever (without the use of medication) for 24 hours
- 2 Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea has subsided for 24 hours

- 3 At least 4 doses of antibiotic have been administered over a 24 –hour period for any type of bacterial infection (child requiring prescription medication will need to be kept at home for a period of at least 24 hours until no longer contagious, unless accompanied by a signed note from the child’s physician). If the child begins to show symptoms such as fever, tiredness, then the child will need to be picked-up immediately.
- 4 Child is feeling well again and normal behavior has resumed.
- 5 Doctor's permission note to return to school is provided.

## **ALLERGIES**

All allergies to medication and/or other substances must be stated on the Emergency and Medical form. The law requires that we have a signed note from your physician stating any food allergies that your child may have. The physician must recommend alternate food choices for your child. This information will be provided to all concerned staff members.

## **MEDICATION USE**

Please dispense all medication at home whenever possible. For times when this is not possible, parents are required to bring the medication to the front office (please do not put the medication in your child’s lunch box), along with a detailed note containing following information (this applies to over the counter and prescribed medication):

- Full name of the student
- Name of the medication
- Dosage
- Time / conditions for administration
- Authorization to administer medication

According to State licensing requirements, the prescribed medication must be kept in its original container and clearly labeled with the following information:

- The child’s name
- Doctor’s name
- Prescribed dosage
- Expiry Date

The school houses all medication in a secure place, well out of reach of children. We maintain dated records of the amount of medication dispensed and the name of the staff person who administered the medication. (We also provide refrigeration when necessary). Parents are responsible for collecting medicines from office at the end of the day, if required.

## **SICK CHILD POLICY**

AHS Pre School is a well-child facility. This means that if your child is not feeling well, you will need to find alternate care. Please do not bring your child if he/she has a contagious illness or

exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or above
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Excessive greenish nasal discharge, indicating possible infection
- Head Lice
- Coughing
- Runny nose

In general, if your child is too sick to go outside and play, then your child is too sick to attend childcare. If your child becomes ill, we will call you to pick up your child immediately.

If your child has a common cold (slight cough, sneezing, or clear runny nose with no fever) your child may attend daycare. However, if your child reaches a point where he/she requires constant attention will not play, cries continuously, whines, and wants to be held constantly, then your child will need to stay home.

Any child requiring prescription medication will need to be kept at home for a period of at least 24 hours until no longer contagious, unless accompanied by a signed note from the child's medical practitioner.

Please dispense all medications at home whenever possible. For times when this is not possible, a Medical Consent Form **must be filled out** in order for us to dispense medicine. All prescriptions and over the counter medications must be in their original containers and prescriptions must display the pharmacist's label with the doctor's name.

Signatures below indicate acknowledgement of receipt of this form and agreement to adhere to these policies.

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date