

## **A Place To Grow New Hope Child Care Child Illness Policy**

To ensure the health of your child, other children and our faculty you may not bring your child to school if they are sick or you suspect that they may be contagious. If your child is too sick to play outdoors or participate in normal center activities then other child care arrangements should be made for the day.

Symptoms may include but are not limited to:

- Fever within the last 24 hours (axillary temperature of 100degrees or higher)
- Nausea
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea (two or more loose or watery stools within a 4 hour period)
- A continuous or hacking cough
- Complaint of a sore throat
- Undiagnosed rash or lesion or irritation on the skin
- Presence of lice or nits
- Pink eye or other drainage in the eye
- Swollen or enlarged glands
- Symptoms of contagious or unknown disease
- The child is unable to participate in normal center activities

If your child displays any of the above symptoms, or we have additional concerns about your child's health, while they are at the center the child will be separated from the group, parents will be called to pick up the child immediately. Once contact has been made parents are expected to make arrangements for the child to leave the center within the hour. If we are unable to reach parents within a timely manner we will call the emergency contacts listed on the child's application. Our faculty members are not medical professionals and we are unable to make or confirm a medical diagnosis. When a child is sent home they must be free of all symptoms for a 24 hour period before returning to the center. The child may return to the center the next day if a doctor's note stating that the child is not contagious is provided.

Please contact the center if your child is out sick or has a medical diagnosis for a contagious illness. This will allow us to inform all families and provide them with a list of symptoms to watch for.

When a child does contract a communicable disease he/she will not be permitted to attend the center without written approval from the child's physician.

**We ask that if your child is going to be absent, for any reason, that you contact the center. This prevents us from worrying about the child and allows us to plan our staffing for the day**

I attest that this policy has been discussed with me and a copy is available in the parent handbook I received.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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