

Sick Child Policy

In the best interest of your child and the health and safety of others, children cannot be at SDC if there is any question of illness. If a child is too ill to participate in activities or to play outside, they are expected to stay at home.

If a child arrives at the centre with any of the following symptoms, or if these symptoms present throughout the day, they will be sent home:

- Temperature above 38.0°C (taken by forehead thermometer)
- Vomiting
- Two or more instances of diarrhea
- Red, watery eyes with and/or thick, yellowish discharge (conjunctivitis)
- Runny nose with thick yellowy discharge accompanied by one other positive symptom
- Inability to participate in activities with one other positive symptom
- Violent and uncontrolled coughing where child struggles to breath
- Productive cough that produces discharge
- Live lice on the scalp or nits attached to the hair shafts
- Open lesions on the hands or mouth (hand foot and mouth /cold sores)

If your child becomes ill at the centre, you will be notified to arrange immediate pick up. Children must be symptom free for at least 48 hours, without the aid of medication, before returning to the SDC. If they have a doctor's clearance, they may return even if symptoms persist and if the child is well enough to participate in all activities.

It is the parents' full responsibility to inform staff of any allergies or medications that impact the daily care of a child. This information is collected at registration and must also be directly communicated with the staff caring for the child. If the parent / guardian of a child fails to inform the SDC of allergies or medications of a child, the SDC is not liable.