

Health and Safety Policy and Procedures - children

Lilliput Land Cooperative Nursery School
Reviewed April 24, 2017

Purpose of the Policy

To help ensure a safe and healthy environment for all staff, participating parents, volunteers and children at Lilliput Land Cooperative Nursery School (“Lilliput Land”).

Health Records & Immunization requirements

The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 requires that children attending licensed daycare in Ontario have up-to-date immunization as recommended by the local Medical Officer of Health. To attend daycare in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, this complete history of a child’s immunization must be provided to Public Health. A photocopy of the child’s health records (since birth) is to be provided along with the child’s registration information.

It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to maintain a record of immunization for their children and inform Lilliput Land and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health as additional immunization is given. If a health record cannot be located, please contact your child’s physician or call Public Health for assistance at (519) 846-2715.

Parents who do not wish their child to be immunized for medical, conscience or religious reasons may obtain an exemption form from Lilliput Land. Objections shall only be accepted by filling out the form approved by the Ministry of Education. This form will be kept on file at the school.

An exemption that was made before August 29th, 2016 shall expire on September 1, 2017 unless a new objection or medical reasons are submitted in a form approved by the Minister before that date.

Note: In case of an outbreak at the childcare centre, the unimmunized child is considered at risk for infection. For this reason, the child would be required to leave the child care centre until the outbreak is over.

Ongoing Medical conditions

It is the responsibility of the parents of a child with special medical needs (such as a life threatening/rapid allergic reaction) to inform the teachers of the child’s condition and to complete an Individual Plan for Emergency Procedure for their child. If additional training is needed for staff, the child may not attend until this training has been completed for their safety and that of everyone in the class. (ex. a child with a seizure condition)

Exclusion Policy

No child will be admitted to school if she/he shows any signs of the following:

- An acute cold, nasal discharge or excessive coughing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Red, scratchy or discharging eyes or ears
- Undiagnosed skin rashes or infections

No child should attend school if any of the following conditions are true:

- Fever within the last 24 hours.
- Begun taking a prescribed antibiotic within the last 24 hours. (includes for pink eye, chest infection, strep throat)

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- Continuous dry hacking cough.
- Diarrhea
- He/she or their immediate family has come in contact with, or is under quarantine for, a serious respiratory illness. This includes the child, participating parent and/or direct family members. (i.e. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome [SARS])
- Constant running nose that is NOT clear in colour.

Communicable diseases (including measles, impetigo (skin blisters), rubella, scabies (skin rash), whooping cough, mumps, conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep throat, chicken pox) or prolonged illness should be reported to the teaching staff as soon as possible.

Children should be free from acute symptoms of illnesses above for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Should a child be prescribed medication for an illness, he/she should not return to school until at least 48 hours after starting the medication.

The teaching staff will follow these guidelines with regards to their own health. Should a staff member or Supervisor be too ill to attend school, he/she will contact the Job Coordinator or other appointed parent position and request that two duty parents be assigned for the day.

The Supervisor has the right to ask parents not to leave a child at school if she/he appears to be seriously ill. This is done in the interest of the health of the other children in Lilliput Land.

Administration of any medication at school must follow the Medication Administration Policy.

In the event of a pandemic flu outbreak, the preschool will follow advisory from the Medical Health Officer.

Notification of Illness / Injury

If a child becomes ill at school and needs to be separated from the other children, the parents / caregivers will be contacted at the emergency contact information provided in the Orientation Package and required to pick up their child as soon as possible. Where that is not possible or where the child needs immediate medical attention, a medical practitioner or registered nurse will be contacted to examine the child.

In the case of a minor injury (i.e. not a Serious Occurrence), the child will be given the proper first aid. If deemed necessary by the Supervisor based on the child's physical and emotional condition, the parents / caregivers will be contacted at the emergency contact information provided in the Orientation Package and informed of the situation. Otherwise, parents / caregivers will be advised of the incident at the end of the school day. An accident report will be made describing the circumstances of the injury and the care provided, with a copy provided to a parent of the child.

In the case of a serious injury, please see the Serious Occurrence policy.

If a child is absent from Lilliput Land (due to illness or other reasons), parents are to call giving their name/child's name and the reason for the absence. An answering machine will take messages if no one is available at the time of the call.

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Daily Health Tracking

The teachers at Lilliput Land keep a daily record of the children's illnesses and/or symptoms of ill health, in a book located beside the daily sign in sheet.

Head Lice

Any parent of a child deemed to have head lice is asked to inform the supervisor of the nursery school so that parents of other children in the class may check their child for head lice. Treatment is recommended with a re-application 7-10 days later, and close head-to-head contact will be discouraged.

First Aid Training

All teaching staff at Lilliput Land must be certified in Standard First Aid and CPR Level C.