

## **POLKA DOT PRESCHOOL - SICK CHILDREN POLICY**

At Polka Dot Preschool, we thrive to create a happy and healthy environment for the children to learn and grown in. According to York Region Public Health and the Early Years Act, 2014, children who are ill, cannot attend child care programs if their own well-being or the well-being of other children is in jeopardy. Teachers are required to conduct daily head to toe checks before accepting a child into the program, to ensure that he/she is well enough to participate in all areas of the program.

**Families need to make alternative care arrangements and seek medical attention for the following conditions:**

- Unexplained or undiagnosed pain
- Acute cold with fever, runny nose and eyes, coughing and sore throat
- Difficulty with breathing
- Fever over 37.8 degrees centigrade (100.4 F) accompanied by general symptoms such as listlessness (children will be required to stay at home and can only return after **24 hours** of being symptom free)
- Vomiting and/or Diarrhea – (children will be required to stay at home and can only return after **48 hours of** being symptom free)
- Sore throat and difficulty swallowing
- Undiagnosed skin or eye rash
- Headache and stiff neck
- Unexplained diarrhea or loose stool, combined with vomiting and abdominal cramps
- Severe itching of body and scalp
- Known or suspected communicable diseases

**Children who have some symptoms of illness may continue to attend Polka Dot Preschool. Such circumstances include:**

- Minor upper respiratory infections with no fever;
- Taking antibiotics with no fever or other symptoms of illness; and
- Chronic symptoms such as a low-grade fever or cough that have been diagnosed as non-infectious.

When a child is diagnosed with a communicable disease (e.g. chicken pox), Polka Dot Preschool is required to advise York Region Public Health Department and the parents of the Centre. A child who has recovered from a contagious disease, such as chicken pox or impetigo, will be required to be examined by a medical doctor before returning to Polka Dot and a doctor's note will be required stating the child is no longer contagious.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_