

## Hay Lakes E.C.S. Health Policy Information for Parents

1. The teacher will not administer non critical medication of any kind. If a child requires medication to be administered, the parent must come to school to administer it or keep the child at home. If medication is medically necessary, such as epi-pens, and there is a doctor's prescription/medical release on file at Hay Lakes ECS, the teacher will administer medication if a medical situation arises or if it is medically necessary as stated on prescription.

2. The following list is used as a guideline to determine if a child is not fit for attendance in class:

coughing	vomiting
fever above 37°C	active chicken pox
measles	mumps
pinkeye	questionable rashes
ear aches	coloured runny nose or head colds
head lice (specific procedures see #8 & #9 below)	

Please be advised that any student who does attend class with the above noted symptoms and appears to be at a risk of spreading an illness or lice to others will be asked to be picked up and not participate in class.

3. Please further ensure that your child is free of any communicable diseases or poses no risk to other children in the program in order to return to school. As well, please ensure students taking antibiotics have been doing so for more than 24 hours or are fever free prior to returning to class. Thank-you for cooperation in this regard.

4. Our commitment to you: If a child becomes ill while at school, all efforts will be made to keep the child away from other students (to minimize the risk of exposure) and will be kept as comfortable as possible. Parents or guardians will be contacted immediately and requested to promptly pick up the student.

5. If a parent suspects an infectious/contagious disease, the child shall be kept at home.
6. If the teacher suspects a child has an infectious/contagious disease, he/she shall contact the parent/guardian and/or the Health Authority.
7. In an emergency situation, the Teacher or Educational Assistant shall be in charge of the situation.
8. If the teacher discovers head lice on a student he/she will call the parent or guardian to come pick up the child and inform them that option a) or b) listed below is required for the student to return the classroom. The teacher will also send home a note to all parents of students in the class stating head lice has been found on a student and information about head lice.
  - a) The student must stay home for a minimum of fourteen days and may return to class when no nits or lice are present.
  - b) A note is required from a doctor stating that there are no nits and the student is louse free. Note: If the doctor's note only states that the child is healthy, or there is no note provided to the kindergarten teacher, the child will be sent home again and option a) will apply.
9. If a parent or guardian discovers head lice on their child or their child has been in contact with a child with head lice, the parent or guardian *must* notify the teacher as soon as possible and if the child is found to have head lice follow #8 a) and b) above.