

# **Bethlehem Preschool - Health and Safety Policy**

**Preschool children may begin arriving ten minutes before each preschool session begins.** The teacher is usually there before this time, but is doing room set up and /or preparing activities for the day. **Children must be brought inside the church building and downstairs into our classroom by their supervising adult, who signs in the child(ren) on the attendance sheet.**

**If the teacher has an emergency before class and is not present, parents are asked to stay with their children until the teacher arrives.**

**Children are dismissed to go home with a parent or someone authorized by the parent.** Please let the teacher know in person, by written note or a phone call if someone other than a parent is picking up your child. **Children need to be signed out by their supervising adult on the daily attendance sheet.**

**Please notify the teacher and keep your child at home if he/she is ill,** i.e. has a runny nose that is colored, a bad cough not quelled by cough medicine, a high fever, diarrhea, stomach upset, or new unexplained rash or cough. This helps illness from spreading in the classroom.

**Please notify us of the following:**

- 1) If your child or immediate family comes in contact with whooping cough, pink eye, fifth disease, H1N1 flu virus, mouth, hand and foot disease, etc. so we can notify the other parents who need to know.
- 2) If your child is infected with lice. Your child must be treated before he/she can return to school. Other parents need to know so they can check their children for lice the following two weeks.

**If your child comes to school and**

- 1) the teacher observes the symptoms/illnesses listed above, or
- 2) your child requires greater attention than can be provided without compromising the care of other children in the program, or
- 3) displays any other symptom a staff member knows or believes may indicate that your child poses a health risk to other children,

a parent/guardian will be asked to pick him/her up immediately, (within two hours of being notified). Your child will be supervised by the teacher assistant/parent helper and kept comfortable in the southwest room adjacent to the main classroom until pick up.

**Your child can return to the program if a written notice from a physician indicates that he/she does not pose a health risk, or the teacher is satisfied that your child does not pose a health risk to other children, caregivers or staff. Please contact the teacher to discuss a suitable return date after each illness.**

**If possible, administer medications at home before/after preschool.** If medications must be given at school, the **Permission To Administer Medication Form** must be filled out.

**Health care will be provided to a preschool child when**

- 1) The written consent of the child's parent has been obtained.
- 2) The health care provided is in the nature of first aid

**Your child must be toilet trained before he/she can begin preschool.** If your child is using bathroom facilities fairly consistently at home, he/she is ready to begin in our classroom.

**Please note: Government issued COVID procedures are followed.**