



PARENT HANDBOOK

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"How to Say Hello in Thai." Learn Thai from a White Guy, 23 Nov. 2020, learnthaifromawhiteguy.com/how-to-say-hello-in-thai/.

Welcome to Love n' Learn Childcare Centre

We are happy that you have chosen Love n' Learn. This handbook will give you important information and we hope it will answer all your questions about our facility.

Our dedicated staff at Love n' Learn will work hard to care for your child just as you would and offer your child the best possible early learning opportunities.

Our programs are based on children's nature and interests and supported by well-researched early learning curriculums. Our approach provides children with a solid foundation for life-long learning. Children experience a loving and safe environment that supports them to feel more confident as they gain new knowledge and understanding of their world.

Our relationship with you is as important as our relationship with your child. Together we will provide a home with a wonderful early learning experiences away from your home for your child.

PROGRAM STATEMENT

A copy of Love n' Learn's Policy Binder is available from the Centre Supervisor.

Love n' Learn Childcare Centre **offers** play-based programs for infants, toddlers, and preschool age children. Our programs and learning methods reflect:

- the Early Learning for Every Child Today Framework (E.L.E.C.T)
- the Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years "How Does Learning Happen."



• the Minister's of Education's Policy Statement on programming and pedagogy made under the *Childcare and Early Years Act, 2014.*

This policy is intended to ensure that the programs delivered at Love n' Learn are consistent with the Minister's policy statement on programming and pedagogy issued under subsection 55 (3) of the Act and shall be reviewed at least annually for this purpose.

We view children to be competent, and curious individuals who are rich in potential and capable of complex thinking. Each child is a unique person with his/her own interests, abilities, and dispositions, and deserves to feel accepted, understood, supported, and respected within our programs.

Our Goals for the children and expectations for our programs are organized around:

- the four foundations of "How Does Learn Happen":
 - Belonging
 - Well-being
 - o Engagement
 - o Expression
- the guiding principals on programing and pedagogy made under the Childcare and Early Years Act (CCEYA):
 - Promote the health, safety, nutrition, and well-being of the children.
 - Support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents, childcare providers, and staff.
 - Encourage the children to interact and communicate in a positive way and support their ability to self-regulate.
 - o Foster the children's exploration, play and inquiry.
 - o Provide child-initiated and adult-supported experiences.
 - Plan for and create positive learning environments and experiences in which each child's learning and development will be supported and which is inclusive of all children, including children with individualized plans.
 - o Incorporate indoor and outdoor play, as well as active play, rest, and quiet time, into the day, and consider the individual needs of the children receiving childcare.
 - Foster the engagement of and ongoing communication with parents about the program and their children.
 - Involve local community partners and allow those partners to support the children, their families, and staff.
 - Support staff, or others who interact with the children at a childcare centre in relation to continuous professional learning.
 - o Pedagogical Documentation as a Guide for Program Development



Love n Learn Curriculum goals and approaches to support optimal development is to:

- 1. Practice the four (4) foundations of "How Does Learning Happen."
- 2. Practice the guiding principles of the Childcare and Early Years Act (CCEYA)

1. Practice the four foundations of "How Does Learning Happen":

- 1) Belonging: Love n' Learn believes in the importance of supporting children and their families by providing a nurturing environment and resources to encourage a sense of belonging. Our educators develop environments and planned programs that reflect the diversity of the families, children, and communities they serve. Materials such as photographs, posters and resources that reflect diversity in race, culture, family composition, abilities, etc. are posted and available for children and families.
- 2) Well-being: Love n' Learn supports the well-being of children by encouraging mindfulness. Our educators plan activities to address the importance of physical and mental health. We teach the importance of selfcare, sense of self, and self-regulation skills.
- 3) Engagement: Our Educators are dedicated in keeping the children engaged in the program. Planned programs are developed to reflect the children's interests and individual development enabling children to choose the learning experiences, materials and play partners they want to engage with. Educators encourage and support children to make their own decisions, solve problems, experience logical consequences and hypothesis through their play to support children's feelings of engagement and value within the program and with others.
- 4) Expression: Love n' Learn believes that every child is a capable communicator who expresses himself or herself in many ways. Our Educators encourage children's self-expression through their play, painting, clay/ play-dough creations, music, and movement and sensory. Educators ask open ended questions and provide time for children to reflect, hypothesize and share their responses.





Spreeuwenberg, Ron. "How Does Learning Happen? A Pulse on the Early Years Community in Ontario." *HiMama Blog - Resources for Daycare Centers*, 25 Oct. 2019, www.himama.com/blog/how-does-learning-happen-survey-pulse-on-early-years-ontario/.

2. Practice the guiding principles of the Childcare and Early Years Act (CCEYA):

1. Promote the health, safety, nutrition, and well-being of the children:

At Love n' Learn we believe for children to be successful; their basic physiological needs must be met. Practices that maintain safe, clean environments help to ensure the basic provision of care exists. Good nutrition, time spent outdoors, and a balance between active play, quiet play, and rest all promote health, safety, and well-being. We support children's learning and help them to establish healthy habits that last into adulthood. We follow the pedagogical approaches to guide educators and administrators in considering how best to support children's learning and development as well as creating a safe and stimulating environment in which children have the opportunity to grow and learn through play-based experiences.

Love n' Learn ensure children receive healthy meals in all our programs. Healthy eating is important to children's growth and development. We do not want any child to reach middle age in poor health and with chronic disease. Our job is to offer nutritious and healthy food choices at meals and snack times.

2. Support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents, childcare providers, and staff:

Families are the first and most powerful influence on children's learning, development, health, and well-being. At Love n' Learn, families and educators work together as responsible role models reflecting warmth, consideration, and respectfulness. Working together, we want to create an atmosphere in which the children not only learn, but also develop a love for learning. It is our main goal to provide an environment in which children feel safe, free, and comfortable to follow their desire to explore, learn and flourish.

3. Encourage the children to interact and communicate in a positive way and support their ability to self-regulate:



We encourage the children to learn to be responsible for their own behavior, self-regulate their emotions and communicate in a positive way. This will allow the children to communicate and express their emotions to others socially. At our Centre, we encourage children to express themselves by always getting down to the child's level, give our undivided attention to the child that is communicating, and work with parents to develop ways to speak with children that do not have verbal communication. We support infants and young toddlers to develop self-regulation skills and positive behaviors using redirection by reverting the child's attention to a different play area or material to minimize the child's opportunity to repeat or engage in unwanted behavior and support them to experience more positive experiences with others. Our educator's model appropriate and positive language voice levels and use variation in tones which is reflected in our body language, when guiding children throughout the day to encourage self-expression when children are speaking with educators and peers.

4. Foster the children's exploration, play and inquiry:

Our rooms are designed to keep learning fun. There are designated areas to promote exploration and play inquiries such as book centers, arts and crafts, science, dramatic play, construction area, sensory, manipulative, and table toys. These dimensions of the learning environments ensure the growth of each child physically, cognitively, socially, emotionally, and creatively. Educators engage in play with children and ask open ended questions such as "what would happen if?" and "I wonder if"; these questions expand on children's inquiry and curiosity. At Love n Learn, we strongly believe that children learn by being engaged actively in play; therefore, we limit the amount of screen time children participate in during their time in the program. Educators will use technology as a learning tool to teach children various skills such as sign language, listening to audio stories, and science experiments/recipes.

1.Provide child-initiated and adult-supported experiences:

Our curriculum focuses on play-based learning, allowing the child to take the lead and expand on their interest by developing various learning experiences. This approach to learning along with the educator's understanding of child development helps to enhance the child's competence, capacity, and potential. Educators uses various approaches to provide child-initiated and adult supported experiences by taking opportunities to engage in discussion with parents and children about their day or their ongoing play interest at home. The room is set up with a variety of activities and materials that will support children's play interest.

2.Plan for and create positive learning environments and experiences in which each child's learning and development will be supported and which is inclusive of all children, including children with individualized plans:



The children in the program are introduced to a variety of stimulating activities such as role playing, language and literacy, music and movement, and indoor and outdoor gross motor. Educators also plan activities that supports exploration such as art, science, cognition, manipulatives, fine motor and sensory. All these activities are based on the children's interest and needs through documented observations. During these self-chosen activities, children express their thoughts and ideas, make choices, and ask and answer questions as a way to satisfy their curiosity, build critical thinking skills and gain a sense of self-responsibility. Our programs are inclusive of all children including those with individualized plans. Love n' Learn provides an anti-bias approach in program development that promotes equal respect and acceptance for all. Differences are good; they exist and are to be enriching. Diversity in all programming areas teaches the acceptance of these differences, as a result, children grow to be more tolerant.



A Study of Students' Perception of the Learning Environment ... - Core, core.ac.uk/download/pdf/83592984.pdf. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.

3.Incorporate indoor and outdoor play, as well as active play, rest, and quiet time, into the day, and give consideration to the individual needs of the children receiving childcare:

Children's requirements for active play, quiet time, and rest will vary throughout the day, based on children's individual needs. Educators create flexible schedules that provide a balance of routine while responding to individual's needs. When possible, our classes are separated into small groups to reduce waiting time through transitions and to avoid long wait periods during play. We understand children are highly active during the day, therefore it is important that they also have time to rest and re-energize. As younger children require more frequent rests, infants rest according to their own individual schedules. For their safety and well-being, all infants are put to sleep in their individual cribs and infants under one year of age are put to sleep on their back. Educators work with parents to determine a daily schedule of rest and monitor the child's individual needs throughout the day. Toddlers and Preschool children are provided with the opportunity to rest two hours within the day. Staff monitor resting/sleeping children regularly to ensure their safety and well-being and are responsive to individual needs during rest time; they provide opportunities for sleep, relaxation, and quiet play. We understand the importance of outdoor time, not only as an



opportunity for active play, but also as an opportunity to explore, create, and investigate. Physical activity is another part of our daily program which helps children to build confidence, develop, and maintain strong bones, develop good sleep habits. Physical activity also prevents childhood obesity, decrease behavioral and disciplinary problems, and improve social skills and brain development. During inclement weather, our children are still able to keep active with planned indoor gross motor activities that develops motor skills, and build strength, flexibility, and endurance.

4.Foster the engagement of and ongoing communication with parents about the program and their children:

It is our aim to provide a positive atmosphere with respectful and meaningful interactions amongst all those involved in our Centre. Staff interactions will be respectful and sensitive to family culture, value, language, and composition. Our educators are to work closely with families to provide cultural consistency in harmony with the home. We will achieve this through monthly newsletter and daily communication at drop off and pick-up time. There might be instances where it might not be appropriate to have an in-depth conversation with parents, as our educator's priority is the health and safety of the children. In these cases, we can set up a time, during our hours of operation, for a meeting or telephone conversation. This promotes an atmosphere that encourage openness to the perspectives of others. We strive to foster each child's self-esteem, curiosity and exploration and practice positive child guidance strategies. We also believe that it is impossible to create a warm and secure atmosphere if the environment is punitive. We place the emphasis on understanding the individual child and the reasons for any inappropriate behavior. It is, therefore, our responsibility to locate the source of that inappropriate behavior, understand it and help to change it.

5. Involve local community partners and allow those partners to support the children, their families, and staff:

Love n' Learn believes in the importance of supporting children and their families with all the available resources in the community to encourage a sense of belonging to the larger community in children and families. Therefore, community partners such as schools and school boards are an important resource to be used in our programs. Love n' Learn works closely with the local school communities to establish a positive collaboration. Reciprocal involvement in special events, sharing of resources and ongoing communication through daily interactions, meetings and conferences can establish and maintain an effective relationship with these important community resources. Reciprocal involvement in special events, sharing of resources and ongoing communication through daily interactions, meetings and conferences can establish and maintain an effective relationship.

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helpers. When children require extra support, we work with community partners such as Early Intervening Services and Speech and Language Services to help remove barriers preventing children from active participation in our programs.

6.Support staff, or others who interact with the children at a childcare centre in relation to continuous professional learning:

Our Educators are knowledgeable, caring, reflective and resourceful with diverse social, cultural, and linguistic perspectives. They are well trained to focus on the specific interests of children and to provide materials and activities and create a learning environment that will encourage children to follow their individual interests. Our educators are lifelong learners and will be given opportunities to participate in individual as well as group workshops. They participate in regular staff meetings and regional networking sessions. Professional development opportunities will be offered to them on an ongoing basis. We promote the daily practice of reflection and collaboration by encouraging our staff to make a commitment to ongoing contemplation, dialogue, exploration, and experimentation within their classrooms.

7.Pedagogical Documentation as a Guide for Program Development:

At our Centre, the programs are re-evaluated regularly to reflect changes within the *Child Care* and Early Years Act, 2014 and ideologies on Early Childhood Education. We use the principles found in "How Does Learning happen?" to provide the foundation for curriculum planning and guidance. In addition, the Standards of Practice as found in the College of Early Childhood Educators Code of Ethics guides our professionalism. Children's learning is made visible through documentation that prompts meaningful communication between families, educators, and children. To support pedagogical documentation and create a quality program, we use a variety of methods such as documented group observations, individual photographed learning stories and art samples depicting creativity which are collected and kept in children's portfolio. Pedagogical documentations are posted in the classrooms and hallways where it is visible for parents. Our families also have access to a parent portal app "sandbox" where they can review their children's pedagogical documentations, communicate with educators, and provide feedback on the program. The supervisor and educators meet regularly for monitoring reviews, and to revisit classroom portfolios and pedagogical documentation.



Programs/Registration

At Love n' Learn Childcare Center, we provide full-time care for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, subject to availability.

OPENING AND Closing Hours & Holidays

Our center offers age-appropriate care for children from infancy to 6 years old and operates on weekdays, from Monday to Friday. Our opening hours are from **7:30 AM to 6:00 PM**.

The Centre will be closed for the following holidays:

New Year's Day Family Day Victoria Day

Canada Day Civic Day Labour Day

Thanksgiving Day Good Friday Christmas Day

Boxing Day

If holidays happen to fall on weekends, Love n' Learn Childcare Center will reschedule its closure or early closing days to weekdays. Families will receive an email beforehand, informing them of any changes to the center's operating days and hours.

At Love n' Learn Childcare Center, admission to all programs is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. However, if the capacity is already full, a waiting list procedure will be implemented. If a child is eligible to move to another class but there are no available spaces at the moment, families have two options to choose from. They may opt to remain in their current room for a few more months or provide a 30-day notice before withdrawing their child from the daycare center. The supervisor will inform the families in advance about these options and any necessary steps to be taken.

Prior to enrollment, all policies must be read, understood, and signed by parents/guardians. All of our policies will be strictly adhered to and MUST be followed.

Love n' Learn Childcare Inc. reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations during the operation, as it feels appropriate, and it is a condition of the attendance that these rules and regulations are adhered to.

Updated policies and procedures binder will be available for all parents and staff to be reviewed in the Supervisor's office. Some of them are included in this Parent Handbook.

Completed and signed Enrolment Form, most recent record of immunization and a fee equivalent of the first month of care must be submitted upon registration to guarantee the



spot in the program. If any item/information is missing, the application form will be placed on "hold" until received. Fees will be paid on a monthly regular schedule, thereafter.

Guiding Children's Behavior

A copy of Love n' Learn's Policy Binder is available from the Centre Supervisor.

Positive reinforcement approach is used to guide children in all of our programs. Research showed that children who attend programs where they experience warm, supportive relationships are happier, less anxious, and more motivated to learn than those who do not. Further, by responding positively to children's cues and engaging in reciprocal interactions with them, we are supporting the development of secure relationships. Experiencing positive relationships in early childhood also has significant long-term impacts on physical and mental health, and success in school and beyond.

Children are not allowed to hurt themselves, another child, the environment and/or the belonging/property of others. Our Educators will explain to the child why the actions are inappropriate and use language suitable to the child's developmental level. The child will be encouraged to use their verbal skills and problem solving rather than physical actions, thereby sharing their feelings with the staff and other children.

In using a positive approach to guide children, our Educators use the following methods in their interactions with children:

- 1. Modelling by demonstration of appropriate ways of interacting
- 2. Providing logical consequences and making the child aware of the results of his/her actions
- 3. Redirecting to appropriate activities or behaviors
- 4. Using a calm voice and speaking at children's level
- 5. Ignoring inappropriate behavior and emphasizing appropriate behavior
- 6. Positive reinforcement i.e., showing genuine approval when children are engaged in positive activity.
- 7. Asking for assistance when required
- 8. Providing opportunities for self-regulation by outlining appropriate choices for children and supporting a child's ability to gain control.

Parent Involvement

Parents are welcome to the Centre at any time to observe and talk with the staff and Program Supervisor.



The first priority for the staff is the children and therefore extended conversations may not be appropriate while staff are supervising children. For issues that may require more than a few minutes' parents could arrange a time to call or meet with staff.

Suggestions from parents may be reflected through programming and scheduling. The staff and supervisor will maintain open lines of communication with parents to allow this input to be effective. Suggestions may also be directly email to the Love n' Learn Childcare Inc. Managing Director.

We believe that child- care is a shared responsibility between family and staff. A respectful relationship between parents and Love n' Learn staff contributes to the overall success of the child's experience.

Safe Arrival, Dismissal and Departure Policy

- When bringing your child(ren) into the building, remove outer clothing as required and place them in your child's cubby.
- Parents must be sure that their child(ren) is/are under the supervision of the staff before leaving the premises.
- We encourage families to bring their children to our program before **10:00 am** to help them follow the program's rhythm and ensure smooth operation of the center.
- Our breakfast is served between 8:00 8:45 am.
- If your child will be late or absent for the day, you should notify us before **10:00** am via email or phone call or text message via Communication App.
- We kindly request that families ensure their children attend the program regularly to prevent negative behavior and disruptions. Frequent disruptions may result in withdrawal from the program by one month notice to parents.
- Children will be allowed to leave the Centre only with their parent/guardian or an authorized person according to pick up authorization section of enrolment form. Photo ID may be required to confirm identity. Please inform the center supervisor if any changes in the pickup occur on a given day via phone or email prior to the pickup time.
- At our childcare center, we prioritize the safety and security of the children in our care. Therefore, By Law, if an unauthorized person arrives to pick up a child, our staff will not release the child unless obtain written confirmation from the parents/guardian. We kindly request that parents/guardian inform authorized persons to bring a Photo ID, which will be checked upon their arrival at the center. This ensures that only authorized individuals are allowed to pick up children. Please note that if following this process results in the child remaining at the center beyond 6:00 PM, late charges will be applied. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



- For parents/guardian or authorized individuals arriving after 6:00 PM to pick up their child, a late fee of \$2.00 per minute per child will be charged. The late fee is payable in cash and should be given to the staff member who is supervising the children at the time of pickup.
- After 6:45 pm if a child is not picked up and no communication with parents is made center may call Children Aid Society (CAS).
- It is responsibility of the parents to inform the childcare center about the absence of child otherwise Center will follow the Safe Arrival and Dismissal policy and after 5 business days if no contact with the emergency contacts is possible CAS will be informed.
- For parents/guardian of infants, we kindly request that you provide socks and shoes to be kept at the daycare. It is essential for the child to have socks and shoes on at all times, which is especially important in case of any emergencies.
- In case children are not at the center after 10:00am and parents have not updated the center, the safe arrival and dismissal policy will be followed by the center and frequent effort to contact the parents or those on the emergency contacts will be made to inquire the safety and well-being of the child. However, despite all the efforts, and within 5 business days, if the safety of the child is not confirmed the supervisor will contact the Children's Aid Society.

When picking your child up please make sure to let the Educator know that you have arrived and are taking your child so that they can then sign your child out with the time of departure.

Fees

Love n' Learn children's programs fees are set according to the ongoing cost of operation. Fees are reviewed annually or on an "as-needed" basis and are due on a regular schedule. Fees are charged for all days that a child is enrolled in any program operated by Love n' Learn regardless of the child's attendance. Fees are not adjusted, refunded, or credited for statutory holidays, absence due to illness, unexpected situations, or withdrawal without proper notice or for any other reason.

Fee is due in advance as per our fee monthly schedule, failure to provide payment prior to start date may result in loss of spot or preferred start date.



Love n' Learn Childcare is currently a participant in the Canada Wide Early Learning Childcare system (CWELCC). While CWELCC is an optional program, Love n' Learn reserves the right to opt out at any time if necessary. In the event of opting out, Love n' Learn will adhere to the terms and conditions specified in the CWELCC agreement and will provide families with advanced notice.

Base Fee

A Base fee is a set amount that is charged for access to a particular service. In our centre it includes following but is not limited to play materials, equipment and furnishings, meals, supervision by adults during operational hours. These items and services are typically included in the base fee because they are considered essential to the operation of the center and are necessary for the care and education of the children who attend.

Our base fee schedule is as follow:

Fee Schedule

Program	Age	Full time Fee	Part time Fee
Infant	1 month – 18 months	\$1600 per month	\$100 per day
Toddler	18 month – 30 months	\$1350 per month	\$80 per day
Preschool	30 month – 4.5 year	\$1250 per month	\$75 per day

Tuition must be paid by first day of each month.

Fee Reduction for CWELCC Program Starting Jan 01, 2025, until further notice*

Program	Full Time CWELCC Program (Parenth pay \$22/Day)		
	Monthly Reduction (\$22 / Day Program)	Parents Pay / month	
Infant	-\$1,121.5	\$478.5	
Toddler	-\$871.5	\$478.5	
Preschool	-\$771.5	\$478.5	

• If this base fee is less than \$12 per day, a \$12 per day fee should be maintained.

Non-Base Fee

Each family is allowed to request one key fob, the center requires a \$25.00 refundable security deposit to issue a key fob. If the key fob is lost, it appears that the security deposit will not be returned to the family. Additional key fob for additional family members can be issued upon request subject to \$25.00 refundable deposit.

Late Fee: A late fee of \$2.00 per minute will be charged to those arriving after 6:00 pm.



Non-sufficient fees (NSF) fee: Any payment returned NSF will be subject to a \$55.00 charge. Additional key fob charges: Love n' Learn will provide one key fob allowing families access to the daycare center that your child is enrolled in. If families would like an additional key, the cost is \$25.00.

The Centre Supervisor is responsible to contact the parents if fees are not paid as per schedule.

Fees must be paid promptly according to the fee schedule. Fee must be paid at the 1^{st} day or each month.

Personal Checks payable to Love n' Learn Childcare Inc. or pre-authorized debits are the only method of payment.

Non-payment of any amount owing to Love n' Learn will be subject to the payment of interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month (18% per annum). Postdated checks are refundable, when a written one-month notice received prior to the start of next month.

If the Centre receives an NSF cheque, the parents will be required to replace the amount the following day by cash, money order or certified cheque. A \$55.00 service charge must be added to the replacement cheque. Where the appropriate replacement cheque or cash are not provided, Love n' Learn Childcare Inc. reserves the right, which is not subject to challenge, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to request the immediate withdrawal of the child.

After two NSF cheques the situation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the child may be discharged.

Official receipt for all fees shall be provided free of charge by the end of February each year and in accordance with the regulations. In the event that further letters, receipts or other documents or copies of documents are required, fees may apply for the preparation of these documents.

• In case of an outstanding balance with Love n' Learn Childcare, your tax receipt may be withheld until the account is paid to date.

Withdrawal



In the event that you wish to withdraw from our programs, termination notice must be provided one calendar month in advance. For example, if you provide notice on August 10^{th} , the earliest possible date for withdrawal will be September 30^{th} .

Space cannot be guaranteed for the parents wishing to take their child out of a program for a period (e.g. maternity leave, summer vacation, medical leave). Parents should continue to pay the regular fees.

All the Child records will be kept for three years from the date the child is withdrawn on site. Record should be shredded after 3 years. If there are outstanding fees, a child may be withdrawn according to the "**Parent Issues and Concerns** Policies" and a collection agency hired to recover outstanding fees.

It should be considered that not all children are suited for our programs. Our staff are not trained to work with severe emotional or developmental delays in children. Love n' Learn will endeavour to do everything possible to help each child adopt and integrate into our programs using all available centre or community resources. If despite these efforts, the difficulties appear to persist and interfere with the program, the Centre Supervisor may follow the discharge and withdrawal section of our "Parent Issues and Concerns Policy and Procedures".

Love n' learn Childcare Inc. reserves the right to terminate its services at its discretion, immediately and at any time, without notice. Examples of reasons may include but are not limited to: if child continually shows signs of aggression, for recurring late payment of fees, for non-payment of fees, for failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct, and/or if it is felt that the Centre is not meeting the needs of your child.

Waiting List Policy

- Love n' Learn will strive to accommodate all requests for the registration of a child at the Centre.
- Where the maximum capacity of a program has been reached and spaces are unavailable for new children to be enrolled, the waiting list procedures will be followed.
- No fee will be charged to parents for placing a child on the waiting list.
- The Centre Supervisor will receive parental requests to place children on a waiting list via in-person meeting or online application.
- The waiting list is a confidential document and will remain at Supervisor's office at all
 times. The only information that can be shared with parents is their child's position on
 the list.



Procedures

Receiving a Request to Place a Child on the Waiting List

If you are a parent looking to put your child on our waitlist, simply visit our website www.Lovenlearn.ca and fill out the pre-registration form. The center supervisor will receive and review your application.

Maintaining Privacy and Confidentiality

• The waiting list will be maintained in a manner that protects the privacy and confidentiality of the children and families on the list.

Placing a child on the Waiting List

- Child on the waiting list in chronological order, based on the date and time that the request was received.
- Determining Placement Priority when a Space Becomes Available
- When space becomes available in the program, priority will be given to 1) children who are currently enrolled and need to move to the next age grouping, 2) siblings of children currently enrolled, 3) children of staff;
- Once these children have been placed, other children on the waiting list will be prioritized based on program room availability and the chronology in which the child was placed on the waiting list. Also, the priority will be given to those who require the daycare at the time a spot is available. For an example a parent mentioned in preregistration that they require a spot in Sep. while the space is available in June, the parents who require space in June will be offered a tour.

Offering an Available Space

- 1. Parents of children on the waiting list will be notified via phone and/or email that a space has become available in their requested program.
- 2. Parents will be provided a timeframe of two business days in which a response and deposit payment is required to secure the spot.
- 3. Where a parent has not responded or has not secured the spot within the given timeframe, the Center Supervisor will contact the parent of the next child on the waiting list to offer them the space.

Responding to Parents who inquire about their Child's Placement on the Waiting List

1. The Center Supervisor will be the contact person for parents who wish to inquire about the status of their child's place on the waiting list.



2. The Centre Supervisor will respond to parent inquiries and provide an estimated likelihood of the child being offered a space in the program.

Health and Safety



"Health & Safety - Preschool & Daycare Serving North Hollywood, Santa Monica & Van Nuys, CA." Beginnings Learning Center, www.beginningslc.com/health-and-safety/. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.

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Walking and Learning Tips





From time to time, the Educators will take the children on short walks around the neighborhood to expand the learning that is happening in the classroom, these walks are usually spontaneous and a great way to expand experiences and have an adventure. In case of Field visit all Ministry, regulation will be followed, and parent's permission will be sought prior to the field trip.

Clubfoto, et al. "Istock." *iStock*, www.istockphoto.com/photos/daycare-center-exterior. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.

SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT



Smoking inside or outside of Love n' Learn is strictly prohibited.

Children learn by example and may witness habits that can last a lifetime. Therefore, smoking is not permitted within 9 meters of Love n' Learn.

"No Smoking, No Vaping Signs for Businesses." Ontario.Ca,

www.ontario.ca/page/no-smoking-no-vaping-signs-businesses. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.

SUNSCREEN APPLICATION



Children are not permitted to not apply sunscreen unless a note is accompained by a physician.

Parents/guardians must provide sunscreen/lip balm with SPF 30 or higher and label it with their child's name.

Love n' Learn does not apply insect repllents. Parents may apply at home prior to attedning.

"Premium Vector: Sunscreen for Relaxing on the

Beach. Doodle Flat Clipart. All Objects Are Repainted." Forepeak, 5 Sept. 2022, www.freepik.com/premium-vector/sunscreen-relaxing-beach-doodle-flat-clipart-all-objects-are-repainted_31382900.htm.

Weather and Temperature Policy

Indoor Temperature



Love n' Learn childcare center will ensure that the indoor temperature will be maintained at a level of at 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit). Thermostats are adjustable as needed throughout the year.

Outdoor Temperature

Infants

When temperatures drop below -10 to -12 degrees Celsius, the supervisor will assess the conditions of the sidewalks before allowing children to go on walks. Additionally, they will evaluate the conditions of the playground for outdoor play.

Toddler and Preschoolers

When temperatures drop below -10 to-12 degrees Celsius, the supervisor will assess for temperatures and make a decision regarding the outdoor playtime, or the length of time children will stay outdoor and will not go outdoor for play due to severity of the weather.

Summer

Infants

When temperature goes above +25 degrees Celsius, if the temperature readings are between +25 – and +28 degrees Celsius, the supervisor will determine whether to go for a walk or use the playground (limit time outdoors). All children are to wear sunscreen unless the parents have permitted otherwise with written consent.

Toddlers and Preschool

When temperature goes above +30 degrees Celsius, educators are to ensure the children have water ready to go outside with them. All children are to wear sunscreen unless the parents have permitted otherwise with written consent. In case of heat warning the supervisor and educator decide at what temperature it is not suitable for children to stay outdoors.

Air Quality

Infant/Toddler/Preschool

We also determine caution when the air quality is poor. All children will remain indoors when the air quality index is 50.

Inclement Weather

During instances of severe inclement weather, we will strive to main regular operational hours at the centre. Love n' Learn retains the authority to determine the safety of continued operations as needed.



Families will receive email notifications or phone calls promptly once a decision regarding closure has been reached.

In the event of severe inclement weather, Love n' Learn will do its best to maintain regular operational hours at the center. However, we reserve the right to determine the safety of continued operations as necessary. Families will be notified via email promptly once a decision to close has been made.

Parents and guardians should be aware that there will be no reimbursement for days when their children are absent due to severe weather conditions.



NUTRITION

Our children are served nutritious fresh lunches made on-site with only the healthiest ingredients, as well as morning and afternoon snacks. A 4-week menu is planned in accordance with the Childcare and Early Years Act, 2014.

Infant who can eat solids may be served our on-site lunches which will be blended and prepared based on their needs and if requested by the parents. Infants or children with special dietary or feeding arrangements must be fed following the parent's written instructions. If a child has food allergies, the parents are asked to provide meal substitutions, as necessary. Parents must label food brought to the Centre with the child's full name and the date the food arrived at the Centre, and that parents advise of all ingredients.

The centre provides three healthy meals including morning breakfast, a hot lunch, and afternoon snacks served after nap time.

Due to the severity of nut allergies, Love n' Learn is a Nut-Free Centre.

No food can be brought to any of our programs unless it is approved by the Centre Supervisor. This includes any birthday cakes, chocolates, or any other type of food.

Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction which can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock. Common allergens include, but are not limited to eggs, milk, mustard, peanuts, seafood, sesame, soy, sulphites, tree nut, wheat, latex and insect stings.

It is the responsibility of the anaphylactic/potentially anaphylactic child's parents to inform us of their child's allergy.

Parents are to abide by these set rules when brining food from home:

- Parents ensure food are of all NUT Free, egg free AND free of the COMMON ALLERGENS including pork and shellfish, Tree nuts (walnuts, hazel nuts, cashews, pistachios, pine nuts, and almonds), seeds, etc.
- Parents are requested to provide written instructions for diet for implementation.
- Ensure to provide a label food brought to the childcare Centre with the child's full name and the date the food arrived at the childcare Centre, and that parents advise of all ingredients.
- Parents who serve foods containing allergens at home encouraged to ensure their child does not have any food containing allergens on their face or cloths prior to attending the childcare Centre (e.g., by thoroughly washing hands, brushing teeth, etc.).



Anaphylactic Policy and Procedures

Purpose

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life-threatening. It requires avoidance strategies and immediate response in the event of an emergency. These policies and procedures are intended to help meet the needs and save the lives of children with severe allergies and provide relevant and important information on anaphylaxis to parents, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors at the childcare centre.

This policy is intended to fulfill the obligations set out under Ontario Regulation 137/15 for an anaphylactic policy for childcare centres. The requirements set out in this policy align with Sabrina's Law, 2005.

Definitions

Anaphylaxis: a severe systemic allergic reaction which can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock. Symptoms can vary for different people, and can be different from one reaction to the next, including:

- Skin: hives, swelling, itching, warmth, redness, rash
- Breathing (respiratory): coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain/tightness, throat tightness/swelling, hoarse voice, nasal congestion, or hay fever-like symptoms (runny nose and watery eyes, sneezing), trouble swallowing.
- Stomach (gastrointestinal): nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting, diarrhea.
- Heart (cardiovascular): pale/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock.
- Other: anxiety, feeling of "impending doom", headache, uterine cramps, metallic taste in mouth

(Source: http://foodallergycanada.ca/about-allergies/anaphylaxis/)

Causative Agent (allergen/trigger): a substance that causes an allergic reaction. Common allergens include, but are not limited to:

• Eggs, milk, mustard, peanuts, seafood including fish, shellfish, and crustaceans, sesame, soy, sulphites which are food additives, tree nuts, wheat, latex, insect stings.

Epinephrine: A drug used to treat allergic reactions, particularly anaphylaxis. This drug is often delivered through an auto-injector (e.g. EpiPen or Allergic).

• Share information about anaphylaxis, strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to known allergens and treatment with all families enrolled in the Childcare centre.



- Each child's individual plan and emergency procedure are kept-up-to-date, and all staff, students, and volunteers are trained on the plans.
- The allergy list must be up to date and implemented.
- Update staff, students, and volunteers when changes to a child's allergies, signs and symptoms, and treatment occur and review all updates to individualized plans and emergency procedures.
- Update families when changes to allergies occur while maintaining the confidentiality of children.
- Update or revise and implement the strategies in this policy depending on the allergies of children enrolled at the Childcare centre.

Parents sending Food from Home

Parents can send food from home. However, due to children with Anaphylactic allergies in the center, parents need to ensure that food is free from allergens. The center supervisor may send the list that could change with new children arriving with different allergens.

Communication Plan

The following is our communication plan for sharing information on life-threatening and anaphylactic allergies with staff, students, volunteers, parents, and families.

- It is the responsibility of the anaphylactic/potentially anaphylactic child's parents to inform the childcare centre of their child's allergy.
- Each child with an anaphylactic allergy will have an individualized plan and emergency procedures that detail signs and symptoms specific to the child describing how to identify that they are having an allergic reaction and what to do if they experience a reaction.
- Each child's individualized plan and emergency procedures is available and accessible in the child's file in the office and on his/her classroom board.
- A list of all children's allergies including food, and other causative agents is posted in the kitchen and in each classroom. All staff, students and volunteers need to be aware of these children and their allergies and sign off.
- Parents should not bring foods that contain ingredients to which children may be allergic.



- The caterer, cook, individuals who collect groceries on behalf of the Childcare centre and/or other food handling staff, where applicable, are aware of all the allergies at the Childcare centre, including those of children, staff, students, and volunteers. An updated list of allergies is posted in the kitchen area by the supervisor and information shared with the caterer or cook as soon as new allergies are identified. The supervisor or designate will communicate with the caterer/cook about avoiding any foods causing allergic reaction.
- Love n' Learn will communicate with the Ministry of Education by reporting serious occurrences where an anaphylactic reaction occurs in accordance with the established serious occurrence policy and procedures.

Drug and Medication Requirements

- Where drugs or medications administered to a child in response to an anaphylactic reaction, Individual Support Plan is followed. In the case of over-the-counter medications, the drug administration form is filled out by parents and followed by the staff.
- Emergency allergy medication (e.g., oral allergy medications, puffers, and epinephrine autoinjectors) remain unlocked to administer quickly when needed.

Training

- The center supervisor/designate get training from the parents regarding use of EpiPen, however, in case of change of supervisor, the current supervisor will train the upcoming new supervisor who will become responsible to train the staff, student, and volunteers in future.
- The Centre Supervisor will ensure that all staff, students, and volunteers receive training from the center supervisor on the procedures to follow in the event of a child having an anaphylactic reaction, including how to recognize the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and administer emergency allergy medication.
- Staff trained again annually, and any time there are changes to any child's individualized plan and emergency procedures.
- A written record of training for staff, students, and volunteers on procedures kept for each child who has an anaphylactic allergy.
- The Love n' Learn anaphylaxis policy and procedures reviewed by all staff/students/volunteers prior to working in the program and at least annually thereafter.



Confidentiality

Information about a child's allergies and medical needs will be treated confidentially and every effort will be made to protect the privacy of the child, except when information must be disclosed for the purpose of implementing the procedures in this policy and for legal reasons (e.g. to the Ministry of Education, College of Early Childhood Educators, law enforcement authorities or a Children's Aid Society).

Sleep Supervision



"Sleeping+Baby+Moon Images – Browse 21,244 Stock Photos, Vectors, and Video." *Adobe Stock*, stock.adobe.com/ca/search?k=sleeping%2Bbaby%2Bmoon&asset_id=513592401. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.

Children's sleep and rest play an integral part in a child's well-being and development. Children need a comfortable relaxing environment to enable their bodies to rest. We have Policies and Procedures to provide staff, students and volunteers with rules and procedures to follow to safeguard children from harm or injury while sleeping.

Children 30 months or older but younger than six years old, who receive childcare for six hours or more, will sleep on a cot unless otherwise approved by a director. For children 0-12 months do not have set rest/sleep schedules and may need to rest/ sleep based on each child's individual needs.

All parents of children younger than 12 months will be advised of the licensee's obligation to place a child for sleep in a manner consistent with the recommendations set out in the document called "Joint Statement on Safe Sleep: Preventing Sudden Infant Deaths in Canada", published by the Public Health Agency of Canada, unless the child's physician recommends otherwise in writing.



All parents of children who regularly sleep at Love n' Learn will be advised of the Centre's policies and procedures regarding sleep at the time of their child's enrolment and/or any time the policies and procedures are revised, as applicable.

Child Illness Policy

When a child arrives at the daycare center, the morning staff will conduct a health check on the child. This includes checking for scratches, bumps, or marks on the child's face, as well as any symptoms such as fever, cough, or runny nose. All records will be documented in the classroom communication log. Staff members will not accept any child showing symptoms of illness upon arrival at the daycare center. If any child experiences possible symptoms, the staff member will inform the center supervisor immediately.

If a child develops any illness/symptoms while at the daycare center, they will be isolated from the group until their parent/guardian arrives. The supervisor will document all symptoms, temperature, and actions taken in the "Child's Symptoms of Illness Record".

In the event that a child has been sent home they are not to return to the Centre until:

- 1. The child is symptom free or in the case of Head lice "nit-free" OR
- 2. A note from a medical doctor states the child is well enough to return to the Centre AND is not contagious.

To ensure the safety of other children and staff members, any child who exhibits symptoms of communicable disease will be required to provide a doctor's note before the child is readmitted. The doctor's note should clearly state that the child is no longer contagious and is medically cleared to return to the childcare center.

Staff and children must stay home if they are sick.

If a child shows any of the following symptoms, he/she cannot attend the Centre until the symptoms have disappeared:

- Discharge from eyes or ears.
- Fever 37.8°C or higher
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting.
 (2 times or more)
- Unusual spots or rashes
- Swollen neck glands.
- Cough with or without
- Head lice and nits

"Childhood Illnesses Archives." *Ask Dr Sears*, www.askdrsears.com/topics/healthconcerns/childhood-illnesses/. Accessed 28 Aug. 2023.



- Unusually dark urine
- Grey or white stool
- Unusual behavior

The individual who brings in the child is responsible for the child if that child is not admissible to the Centre.

The parents or guardians are contacted as soon as possible if a child becomes ill during Centre hours and parents are requested to pick up the ill child as soon as possible.

Staff will make their judgment and consult with the Centre supervisor. The Centre Supervisor will decide to call a parent/guardian to ask if a child needs to be picked up or not. Love n' Learn staff and Supervisor reserve the right to decide if the child needs pickup or not based on their judgment and will be clear in their expectation to the parents.

If the parents/guardians cannot be contacted or a parent/guardian does not arrive within a reasonable time, staff may begin contacting the emergency contacts. If the illness develops into that of a serious nature, the Serious Occurrence Procedure will be followed.

If parents do not comply with advice to keep an ill child at home, or in the event of an outbreak, the child may be excluded by order of the Medical Officer of Health. Once excluded, the child can return to the Centre only when cleared by the Medical Officer of Health.



Morrill, Julia. "Fever in Children: What to Know and When to Worry." *New York-Presbyterian*, 15 Dec. 2022, healthmatters.nyp.org/fever-in-children-what-to-know-and-when-to-worry/.

Administering Medication



Parents are encouraged to administer drugs or medications to their children at home if this can be done without affecting the child's treatment schedule.

Any medication scheduled or emergency that is to be administered to a child, the parent must inform the supervisor and fill out an Authorization for Drug/Medication form providing information on the medication that is being administered to the child. However, in case of anaphylactic child the Parent's authorization will be through Individual Support Plan.

All medications to be administered to children must be stored in their original containers as supplied by a pharmacist, or their original packages. Medications that have been removed from their original packages or transferred into a different container will not be accepted or administered to children.

All medication containers must be clearly labeled with the child's name, name of medication, dosage, the date of purchase, the expiry date (if applicable) and instructions for storage and administration.

Authorization for Medication Administration Form must be completed and signed.

Extremely strict medication procedures are in place to ensure that medication is given in the proper manner.

Please avoid putting any medications, creams, lotions, or epi-pens in your child's backpack. It's important to inform the educators about any medication your child needs before dropping them off.

Over-the-counter epinephrine purchased for a specific child can be administered to a child with an individualized plan and emergency procedures for an anaphylactic allergy if it is authorized by a healthcare professional and is clearly labeled with the child's name, the name of the drug or medication, the dosage, the date of expiration and the instructions for storage and administration. The drug administration form is not used in case of anaphylactic reaction (administering EpiPen) because administering EpiPen is a medical emergency and staff will call 911 and all the required paperwork filled out accordingly.

Staff are required to follow the directions on the original container.

Only medication prescribed by a regulated healthcare professional' administered for over-the-counter medications; otherwise, parents may wish to visit the Centre and administer the over-the-counter medication themselves.

It is the responsibility of parents to pick up the medication at the end of the day. However, it is recommended that parents retrieve two containers of medication from the pharmacist with the proper information on both. So, one can stay at the Centre and one can remain at home. Any drugs or



medications remaining after the treatment period returned to a parent of the child, where possible, and document it on the Authorization for Medication Administration Form.

Where attempts have been made to return a drug or medication to a parent and the parent has
not taken the medication home, the Centre supervisor will ensure that the efforts made to
return the drug or medication have been documented in the daily written record, and
the drug or medication will be returned to a pharmacist for proper disposal.

Drugs or medications that have expired (including epinephrine) cannot administered.

Record-Keeping:

- Records of medication administration completed using the Records of Medication Administration Table every time drugs or medications administered. Completed records are kept in the child's file.
- Where a child's medication administration form includes a schedule setting out specific
 times to administer the medication and the child is absent on a day medication would
 have been administered, the child's absence will be documented on the Records of
 Medication Administration to account for all days during the treatment period
 (excluding weekends, holidays, and planned closures).
- If a case a dose missed, or given late, reasons are documented on the Record of Medication Administration and a parent will be notified as soon as possible as it may impact the treatment schedule or the child's health.
- Where a drug or medication is administered 'as needed' to treat specific symptoms
 outlined in a child's Medication Administration Form or individualized plan and
 emergency procedures for an anaphylactic allergy (e.g. asthma, fever, allergic reaction),
 the administration and the reason for administering will be documented in the staff
 daily written record, and in the child's symptoms of illness record.

Confidentiality

• Information about a child's medical needs will be treated confidentially and every effort will be made to protect the privacy of the child, except when information must be disclosed for the purpose of implementing the procedures in this policy and for legal reasons (e.g. to the Ministry of Education, College of Early Childhood Educators, law enforcement authorities or a Children's Aid Society).

Prohibited Practices / Contraventions

All Centre employees are prohibited from the following practices:



- 1. Corporal punishment of the child
- 2. Physical restraint of the child, such as confining the child to a highchair, car seat, stroller, or other device for the purposes of discipline or in lieu of supervision, unless the physical restraint is for the purpose of preventing a child form hurting himself, herself, or someone else, and is used only as a last resort and only until the risk of injury is no longer imminent.
- 3. Locking the exits of the Centre for the purpose of confining the child unless such confinement occurs during an emergency and is required as part of our emergency management policies and procedures.
- 4. Use of harsh or degrading measures or threats or use of derogatory language directed at or used in the presence of a child that would humiliate, shame, or frighten the child or undermine his or her self-respect, dignity, or self-worth.
- 5. Depriving the child of basic needs (i.e., food, drink, shelter, clothing, toilet use, sleep, and bedding). Food should not be used to discipline children at lunch or snack time.
- 6. Inflicting any bodily harm on children including making children eat or drink against their will.

Failure to comply with any of the above is cause for immediate dismissal of an employee.

Corporal punishment and other harmful disciplinary practices are forbidden to protect the emotional and physical well-being of children. These practices are never permitted at the Centre. Children benefit from an affirming approach that encourages positive interactions with other children and with adults, rather than from a negative or punitive approach to managing unwanted behavior.

Children's Belongings/Clothing

Love n' Learn will ensure that all cubbies and personal items (feeding bottles for infants, comb, toothbrush, hat etc.) shall be clearly labelled with the child's name. Sharing personal items is not permitted.

Parents are encouraged to bring their child to the centre in a clean manner. Centre supervisor is entitled to refuse to admit a child or contact their parents if the general cleanliness and hygiene of a child is in question.

Please label all belongings. We are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

It is crucial to make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather when they participate in outdoor activities, provided that the weather is favorable. Indoor shoes are compulsory, and it is recommended to have an extra set of clothes in case the activities get messy. This will also come in handy if your child is in the process of toilet training. Furthermore, a cozy sleep toy will always be appreciated.



Emergency Management

If there is an emergency at the Centre, Emergency Management Policies and Procedures are followed and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

- Where disasters have occurred that did not require evacuation of the Centre, our supervisor will provide a notice of the incident to you by phone/email. Notification will be made as soon as possible.
- If normal operations do not resume the same day that an emergency situation has taken place, Centre Supervisor will provide you with information (by email) as to when and how normal operations will resume as soon as this is determined.
- Where disasters have occurred that required evacuation of the Centre, Centre
 Supervisor will notify you by phone call or Text via communication App of the
 emergency situation, evacuation and the location to pick up your children.

Parent Issue and Concerns Policy

General

A copy of Love n' Learn's Policy Binder is available from the Centre Supervisor.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in our childcare centers and have a weekly/regularly discussion with their teachers about their children's learning and development. As stated in our program statement, we support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents/guardians, childcare providers, staff, and foster the engagement of an ongoing communications with parents/guardians about the program and activities implemented. Our staff is always available to communicate via phone or by our parent communication portal regarding discussing about their child's learning and any issues and/or concerns they would like to bring up to the attention of their child's teachers.

There may be general issue which may be resolved without following the "complaint procedure" and discussing with the staff or the supervisor. However, depending upon the severity or persistence of the issue, parents are requested to ask the center supervisor for the complaint form. In this case supervisor will note down the complaint in the center communication log and fill out a "compliant form A" which will be followed up in a timely manner. The supervisor will give the parent a "Compliant Form B" where the parent will fill out the details of the issue and/or concern that is to be raised to the supervisor. The supervisor will review the issues and/or concerns and will discuss with the director the appropriate steps/actions to be taken. The supervisor will then speak with the classroom teacher about the issues and/or concerns that was raised by the parent/guardian. Next, the supervisor will discuss with the classroom teacher what the next steps/action will be taken



so that the situation doesn't happen again. Afterwards, the supervisor will send an email to the classroom teacher about what was discussed regarding the issues and/or concerns brought by the parents and the steps that will be taken going forward. The supervisor will then give a call and send a follow-up email to the parents regarding the issues and/or concerns that were brought to the attention of the supervisor. The supervisor will address and resolve issues and/or concerns to the satisfaction of all parents/guardians in a timely manner. After the issue has been resolved, the supervisor will fill out a "Compliant Resolution Form C" which will then be kept in the child's file as well, the parent will receive a copy. A copy of the "compliant form" will be placed in the child's folder for records as well parents will be given a copy. Issues and/or concerns may be brought forward verbally, in writing, or emailed to the supervisor. Responses and outcomes of the situation will be provided verbally, emailed or in writing upon request. All detailed information given to the parent/guardian or discussed will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all parties. An initial response to an issue or concern will be provided to parents/guardians within 5 business day(s). The person who raised the issue/concern will be kept informed throughout the resolution process. Investigations of issues and concerns will be fair, impartial and respectful to parties involved.

Love n' learn Childcare Inc. reserves the right to terminate its services at its discretion, immediately and at any time, without notice. Examples of reasons may include but are not limited to: if child continually shows signs of aggression, for recurring late payment of fees, for non-payment of fees, for failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct, and/or if it is felt that the Centre is not meeting the needs of your child.

Confidentially

Every issue and concern will be treated confidentially, and every effort will be made to protect the privacy of parents/guardians, children, board of directors, staff, students, and volunteers, except when information must be disclosed for legal reasons (e.g. to the Ministry of Education, College of Early Childhood Educators, law enforcement authorities or a Children's Aid Society).

Conduct

Our Centre maintains high standards for positive interaction, communication, and role-modeling for children. Harassment and discrimination will therefore not be tolerated from any party. If at any point a parent/guardian, provider or staff feels uncomfortable, threatened, abused, or belittled, they may immediately end the conversation and report the situation to the Centre Supervisor and/or Managing Director.

Concerns about the Suspected Abuse or Neglect of a child



Everyone, including members of the public and professionals who work closely with children, is required by law to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. If a parent/guardian expresses concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, the parent will be advised to contact the local Children's Aid Society (CAS) directly. Persons who become aware of such concerns are also responsible for reporting this information to CAS as per the "Duty to Report" requirement under the *Child and Family Services Act*. For more information, visit.

http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/childrensaid/reportingabuse/index.aspx

A copy of Love n' Learn's Policy Binder is available from the Centre Supervisor.



Nature of Issue or	Steps for Parents to	Steps for Staff and/or Licensee in responding to issue/concern	
Concern	Report Issue/Concern		
Program Room-Related E.g.: schedule, sleep arrangements, toilet training, indoor/outdoor program activities, feeding arrangements, etc.	Raise the issue or concern to the classroom staff directly or the supervisor Raise the issue or concern	Address the issue/concern at the time it raised. or Arrange for a meeting with the parent/guardian within five business days. Document the issues/ concerns in detail. Documentation should include: 1. the date and time the issue/concern received. 2. the name of the person who received the issue/concern. 3. the name of the person reporting the issue/concern.	
General, Centre- or Operations-Related E.g.: childcare fees, hours of operation, staffing, waiting lists, menus, etc.	to the supervisor	4. the details of the issue/concern; and5. any steps taken to resolve the issue/concern and/or information given to the parent/guardian regarding next steps or referral.Provide contact information for the appropriate	
Staff-, Duty parent-, Supervisor-, and/or Licensee-Related	Raise the issue or concern to the individual directly or the Supervisor or Managing Director. All issues or concerns about the conduct of staff, duty parents, etc. that puts a child's health, safety and well-being at risk should be reported to the Supervisor as soon as parents/guardians become aware of the situation.	person if the person notified is unable to address the matter. Ensure the investigation of the issue/concern initiated by the appropriate party within five business days or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Document reasons for delays in writing. Provide a resolution or outcome to the parent(s)/guardian(s) who raised the issue.	
Student- / Volunteer- Related	Raise the issue or concern to the staff responsible for supervising the volunteer/ student or the Supervisor		



Procedures:

Escalation of Issues or Concerns, Discharge and Withdrawal of a Child

Where parents/guardians are not satisfied with the response or outcome of an issue or concern, they may escalate the issue or concern in writing to the Company Managing Director. The Managing Director will review the complaint, convene an emergency Board of Directors meeting, if necessary, contact the parent and attempt to resolve the issue. The Managing Director will then send a written decision to the parent either by mail or email within 5 business days. The decision of the Managing Director will be final. Issues/concerns related to compliance with requirements set out in the *Childcare and Early Years Act.*, 2014 and Ontario Regulation 137/15 should be reported to the Ministry of Education's Childcare Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch.

Contacts:

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Love n' Learn Managing Director: Maryam Azimi (905-201-4000) or admin@lovenlearn.ca
Ministry of Education, Licensed Childcare Help Desk: 1-877-510-5333 or
childcare ontario@ontario.ca

In the event that an individual's behaviour is causing disruption to the program and the issue is unresolved, the Managing Director/Centre Supervisor may discharge the child. The service may be withdrawn if:

- 1. a child's behaviour is consistently causing excessive disruption to the program, harm to other children or harm to property.
- 2. a parent refuses to abide by the policies and procedures.
- 3. a parent's behaviour is such that could be construed as harassing, belligerent, abusive, racist or in any other manner inappropriate.
- 4. there are outstanding fees, either regular fees or any other fees such as fees due from a late pick up.

This extreme measure would only take place after consultation with Supervisor, Managing Director, and Board of Directors of Love n' Learn Childcare Inc. and considering the best interest of all children, staff and in the Centre. Each family and child will be treated with respect and dignity and procedure will be made with the best interest of all children in mind.

A formal Notice of Discharge stating the 2 weeks notice and the last day of service to the child may or may not be given to the parents. Should the safety or wellbeing of the children, staff or any person is felt to be in jeopardy, Love n' Learn reserves the right to enforce a discharge date of less than 2 weeks.



If the parent chooses to withdraw the child prior to the date specified on the notice of discharge, regular fees, and fees due during notice will be levied.

A note of circumstance must be made in the daily log with the details written. A copy of the note will be kept on the child's file.

Supervision of Students and Volunteers

Love n' Learn welcomes both placement students and volunteers into the various programs offered in our childcare program. We believe it is a valuable part in gaining experience in a childcare environment. Volunteers and students also play an important role in supporting staff in the daily operation of childcare programs.

This policy is intended to fulfill the obligations set out under Ontario Regulation 137/15 for policies and procedures regarding volunteers and students for childcare centres.

General

Students and volunteers will always be supervised by an employee and never permitted to be alone with any child or group of children who receive childcare.

The Centre supervisor must:

- Ensure that all applicable policies, procedures, and individual plans reviewed with students and/or volunteers before they start their educational placement or begin volunteering, annually thereafter and when changes occur to the policies, procedures, and individualized plans to support appropriate implementation.
- Ensure that all students and/or volunteers are trained regarding each child's individualized plan.
- Ensure that a vulnerable sector check (VSC) and annual offence declarations are on file for all students and/or volunteers in accordance with the childcare center's vulnerable sector check policy and procedures and Ontario Regulation 137/15.
- Inform students and/or volunteers that they are never in staff to child ratios or left alone with children.
- Appoint supervising staff to the students and/or volunteers and inform them of their supervisory responsibilities.
- Inform students and/or volunteers of their duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect under the Child and Family Services Act.



The supervising staff must:

- Ensure that students/volunteers supervised and never left alone with children.
- Introduce students and/or volunteers to parents/guardians.
- Provide an environment that facilitates and supports students' and/or volunteers' learning and professional development.
- Provide students and/or volunteers with clear expectations of the program in accordance with the established program statement and program statement implementation policy.
- Provide students and/or volunteers with feedback on their performance.
- Work collaboratively with the student's practicum supervising teacher.

Students and/or volunteers must:

- Always maintain professionalism and confidentiality, unless otherwise required to implement a policy, procedure, or individualized plan.
- Notify the supervisor or designate if they were left alone with children or have any other concerns about the childcare program (e.g., regarding staff conduct, program statement implementation, the safety and well-being of children, etc.).
- Submit all required information and documentation to the centre supervisor or designate prior to commencing placement or volunteering, such as a valid VSC, Medical and First Aid.
- Review and implement all required policies, procedures and individualized plans, and sign and date a record of review, where required.
- Review allergy lists and dietary restrictions and ensure their implementation.
- Respond and act on the feedback and recommendations of supervising staff, as appropriate.
- Report any allegations/concerns as per the "Duty to Report" under the *Child and Family Services Act.*
- Complete offence declarations annually, no later than 15 days after the anniversary date
 of the last VSC or offence declaration (whichever is most recent) in accordance with the
 childcare Centre's criminal reference check policy.
- Provide an offence declaration to the Supervisor/designate as soon as possible any time convicted of a Criminal Code (Canada) offence.
- Students and volunteers are not in staff to child ratios.



Client Conduct

Establishing a safe and inclusive school community is crucial for the well-being and development of everyone involved. Love n' Learn plays a significant role in establishing clear guidelines and standard behavior for all staff, volunteers, educators, board members, parents, and guardians.

It is essential to treat all members of the Love n' Learn community with respect and dignity, irrespective of their race, creed, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected ground as stated in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Fostering an inclusive and equitable environment involves promoting a positive and respectful atmosphere within the Love n' Learn community. It is especially important for adult members to set clear expectations for behavior as they serve as role models for the children in the center.

At Love n' Learn Children, we prioritize the safety and security of our community by enforcing strict policies. As such, we strictly prohibit the presence of any weapons on our center property or during any center functions. We also do not allow alcohol or illicit drugs on our premises or at any center-sponsored events. Failure to comply with these policies may result in the expulsion of the family from the center.

As part of the enrollment process, Love n' Learn will gather personal information, including phone numbers and email addresses. This information will be used to keep parents updated on upcoming events, center news, and important reminders. The phone numbers will also serve as emergency contacts in case of urgent situations. Signing the enrollment package indicates your consent for the responsible handling of this information.

Effective communication between families and staff is crucial. This is achieved through dialogue, electronic communication, newsletters, and notices posted in the centers. We value any comments and suggestions and encourage everyone to bring their concerns to our attention. To address concerns constructively, please refer to our "Parent Issues and Concerns Policy." In case of parents want to raise an issue, they may discuss it with the Center supervisor. In case the issue is not resolved parents may ask for a formal complaint and supervisor will inform them about the due process and provide them with a complaint form to fill out. The matter may be referred to the Managing Director/board of Governors for a final decision.

To maintain a safe, comfortable, collaborative, and inclusive atmosphere, all children and parents/guardians are expected to adhere to certain guidelines. These include refraining from gossiping or publicly criticizing any members of the Love n' Learn community through any form of media. This also means avoiding discussing concerns about the school, staff, or children with other family members or educators in the hallways, parking lot, or via electronic mediums like Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, etc.



Moreover, taking pictures at the school or during school events without prior consent from the childcare administration is prohibited. Please note that taking photographs or videotaping of children or educators and posting them on social media without consent is a breach of our confidentiality and privacy policy.

Birthdays

At Love n' Learn Childcare, we believe that every child's birthday is a special occasion that deserves celebration. We celebrate by indulging in delicious food and concluding the party with special loot bags. We express our appreciation to all the parents for preparing these special loot bags to make the day even more memorable for the children.

To ensure the safety and happiness of the children, we kindly request parents not to include any food or candy items in the loot bags due to potential allergies among the children. Instead, we recommend considering alternative items such as stickers, colouring pencils, toys, or other non-food items.

Why People Choose Us

Our purpose is all about children and growing young learners. Creating and extension of the home atmosphere yet providing an environment that promotes professional care and education to the individual child is what we are all about. By working together with families, we help children become confident and independent learners with a strong sense of selfworth.

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