Introduction

Kids Town at The Falls LLC (hereafter referred to as Kids' Town) reserves the right to temporarily deny any child admittance to the school for reasons of obvious illness or to request early departure should symptoms become apparent during the course of the day. Any child who seems unable to participate in our program for any reason will be sent home. This is to ensure the continued good health of everyone at the center. A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover. We ask for parents to assist by keeping sick children at home. We do take into consideration your physician's recommendations nevertheless it is up to our discretion when your child may return to school.

Note that refunds or discounts are not granted for days missed due to illness.

When a child may not attend school or will be sent home from school:

- **Fever:** Children will be sent home if their temperature is 100.0 or higher and must stay home the next day for observation. Children must be free of fever (any temperature above 99.0 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. The same policy applies if your child develops a fever at home. They must be fever free (any temperature above 99.0 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- **Rash:** Any rash or skin irritation will require that child to be sent home for an evaluation and diagnosis from their doctor in writing of exactly what it is. They may return to school based on that written doctor's evaluation and clearance that it is not contagious.
- **Conjunctivitis (pink eye):** Children will be sent home if there appears to be an unusual amount of discharge from or irritation to their eye(s) and must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school they will need an evaluation and diagnosis from their doctor in writing of exactly what it is.
  - If the diagnosis is BACTERIAL CONJUNCTIVITIS children must have received at least 24 hours of treatment.
  - If the diagnosis is VIRAL CONJUNCTIVITIS your child may return AS LONG AS THERE IS NO DISCHARGE.
  - If in fact they do not have "pink eye" we need a doctor's note with a diagnosis and a clearance that it is not contagious.
- **Thick White, Green or Yellow Discharge:** Children will be sent home if they appear to have any thick white, green or yellow discharge. This is often indicative of an infection and they must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school they will need an evaluation and diagnosis from their doctor in writing and at least 24 hours of treatment. If in fact they do not have an infection we need a doctor's note with a diagnosis of exactly what it is with a clearance that it is nothing contagious. The Department of Health and most doctors are of the opinion that once on antibiotics for 24 hours, the discharge is no longer contagious even though it may persist for up to two weeks.
- **Diarrhea:** Children will be sent home if they have two or more loose bowel movements in one day and must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school (after the day of observation) children must be free from diarrhea for 24 hours with at least one regular bowel movement. If your child has one or more loose bowel movements on their first day back they will again be sent home.

- **Vomiting:** Children will be sent home if they vomit and must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school (after the day of observation) children must symptom free with no vomiting for at least 24 hours.
- **Persistent Hacking Cough:** Children will be sent home if they have a persistent hacking cough and must stay home the next day for observation. Before returning to school they will need an evaluation and diagnosis from their doctor in writing and at least 24 hours of treatment. If in fact they do not require any treatment we need a doctor's note with a diagnosis of exactly what it is with a clearance that it is not contagious.
- **Lice:** Children will not be readmitted until 24 hours after treatment and must be nit free. The Director or a Lead Teacher will make an evaluation and determine if the child can be readmitted.
- **Strep Throat:** A child with strep throat may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun.

Medication Administration Policy

Because of the short duration of preschool hours, medications, including prescription and over the counter, are not administered at school. Parents are urged, with the help of your child's physician, to work out a schedule of giving medication at home, outside of school hours.

Notification of Parents and Illness Prevention

If your child presents any of the symptoms above or needs to be taken from school early, you will be notified by phone call immediately. We ask that you quickly come to pick up your child for his/her comfort and to reduce the risk of spreading the illness. Children with symptoms which may be contagious may be separated from the rest of the class (though kept in the preschool room) and given appropriate activities depending on the condition until he/she is picked up.

Immunization Records

Idaho Code 39-1118 requires that each child's immunization record or reason for exemption is provided to Kids' Town within fourteen (14) days of initial attendance. Copies of immunizations will be kept on file and updated as required for all students.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form: Preschool Illness and Immunizations Policy

I acknowledge that I have received and read the Preschool Illness and Immunization Policy. I understand that it is my responsibility to abide by all rules contained in the policy.

I acknowledge that I will be alerted if my child becomes ill at school and will pick him/her up if needed.

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Name