

## **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION**

All drug or medication containers must be clearly labelled with:

- The child's full name
- The name of the drug or medication
- The dosage of the drug or medication
- Instructions for storage
- Instructions for administration
- The date of purchase of the medication for prescription medications
- The expiry date of the medication, if applicable

All medications must be signed in on a GTFRC Medication Authorization Form when the parent is determining the date and time the medication is to be administered.

In the event the GTFRC staff are required to determine if the medication is needed, a Medical Action Plan or Anaphylactic Plan will be created collaboratively with the parent and centre supervisor in advance.

All medications must be accompanied with the proper dispensing tool such as a syringe as required for accuracy purposes.

All medications will be stored in locked boxes in cupboards or refrigerators as required.

Children will not have access to medication, directly or indirectly.

Life saving medications will be readily accessible to staff when the children requiring the medication is scheduled. This medication will be stored in Emergency Medication Bags out of the reach of children.

Non-prescription antipyretic medication such as Children's Tylenol or Children's Advil may be administered when:

- The proper GTFRC Medication Authorization Form is completed
- The medication follows the label requirements
- It is provided on a temporary and daily basis for relief of pain and/or to provide comfort for things such as a sore ear or teething for infants/toddler aged children.
- To the infant/ toddler who is teething



All Families are eligible for 5 vacation days and 5 sick days for a total of 10 days per calendar year (Jan-Dec.) These days are interchangeable. Families who begin in July or later are entitled to 3 vacation days and 2 sick days. Parents must communicate with the centre supervisor their request to use a vacation or sick day

# Medication and Illness Information



## Ill or Contagious Child:

When a child has a contagious disease, e.g. pink eye or thrush, they will be excluded from the program until they are no longer contagious.

1. The parent or emerg. contact will be notified.
2. The contacted person must make arrangements to have the child picked up within the hour.
3. The child will be put into supervised isolation until the parent can take the child home.
4. The child is able to return following the guidelines listed under “**A Guide to Common Infections**” provided by the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit or when;

- Following a medical consultation
- No longer contagious
- Symptom free without the use of medication and not exhibiting any of the listed symptoms outlined on next page.
- Is able to fully participate in the program.



5. GTFRC will post the illness and date of confirmed case on the “Parent Health Board”. This notification will give a brief description of the transmission, signs and symptoms and infectious period of the illness.

## **The following are the symptoms for which a child would be sent home;**

- *Elevated temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher (100.04 Fahrenheit) Child can return to child care when they are fever free for a period of 24 hours without the use of medication.*
- *Exhibiting symptoms which negatively impacts their active participation in the program such as body aches, fatigue and excessive coughing and/or runny nose. Child can return to child care when they can fully participate in the program.*
- *Vomiting or diarrhea. Child can return to child care when they have been symptom free for a period of 24 hours unless otherwise mandated by the Local Public Health Unit or Health Care Professional.*
- *Red or discharging eyes or ears. Child can return to child care at discretion of Health Care Professional.*
- *Undiagnosed skin rashes or infections. Child can return to child care at discretion of Health Care Professional.*

\*\*\*Growing Together will check a child's temperature if they appear to be feeling unwell. Temperatures will be taken using a digital thermometer using the axillary method which is under the armpit. When the displayed number is 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher (100.04 Fahrenheit), it will be determined the child has a fever.



## **Non-Prescription Ointments**

Parents will be given the option to authorize Growing Together staff to apply non-prescription ointments such as sunscreen, lotion, lip balm and diaper cream. These items will need to be supplied by the parent as needed.

Parents will also have the option to authorize Growing Together staff to allow their child to use child care sunscreen. A separate form will be provided to the parents. The sunscreen brand GTFRC uses is Banana Boat for Kids.

Further product information can be found at [www.bananaboat.ca](http://www.bananaboat.ca).



**Banana Boat® Kids SPF 60 Sunscreen Lotion**  
240 mL, 90 mL

Banana Boat® Kids sunscreen is Pediatrician tested, ultra gentle and has no added fragrance.

- Broad-spectrum UVA and UVB protection
- Pediatrician Tested
- No added fragrance
- Water Resistant (80 minutes)
- Available in 90ml and 240ml bottles

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