



LAKEWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE INC.

PARENT'S POLICY

FACILITY NUMBER 3005

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LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE VISION STATEMENT

Our Board, staff, and families will work together to provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for the children in our care, therefore helping parents maintain a healthy family in our community.

LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE MISSION STATEMENT

To offer the highest quality of care and ensure the physical and intellectual wellbeing of our children by providing a comprehensive, stimulating, and age-related program based on the mutual needs of the children, staff, and the families in our program.

To respect social, cultural, linguistic, racial and spiritual heritages of the families we serve and help families receive, or advocate for a range of services in our community that will ensure healthy families.

LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE GOALS

- To provide a safe environment that promotes safe practices for all children, staff and parents.
- To provide and model appropriate health and nutrition practices for our children, staff and parents.
- To create a developmentally appropriate environment for play and learning by managing spaces, materials and routines for all our children and staff.
- To organize a variety of equipment, activities and opportunities to promote all children's physical development.
- To guide intellectual development by providing activities and experiences that help develop levels and learning styles of all our children.
- To communicate with all our children by providing them with opportunities to understand, acquire and use verbal and non-verbal means of communicating thoughts and feelings.
- To promote all children's creativity by providing experiences that can stimulate exploration and expression of creativity through different mediums.
- To help build the self-esteem and sense of worth of all our children, staff, and families.
- To help all our children get along with others by modeling mutual respect among our children, staff and families.
- To model effective guidance techniques in an environment where all children can learn and practice appropriate behaviours.
- To build friendly, cooperative relationships between the children, staff and each family in the Centre.
- To continue to provide new, innovative, inclusive child care practices within our Centre.
- To advocate for a range of services for families in our community that reflect and support their diverse social, cultural, racial, and linguistic heritages.
- To maintain and enhance our Centre's ethical and professional standards of practice.

LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE HISTORY

Lakewood Children's Centre began in the spring of 1982. Several working mothers within the community formed a steering committee and worked with the provincial government to create a credible non-profit, incorporated Centre that was accessible and affordable to parents within the community. After negotiations with the St. James School Division, two rooms were rented in Lakewood School and the Centre officially opened in September of 1982 with three staff and twenty-six children.

By 1984, all forty-eight of the licensed spaces were filled and five staff members were employed. It was decided at that time, through a needs assessment, to introduce a full lunch program. Later that year, a third room was rented from the school division.

In 1998, another needs assessment was conducted, and the Centre began to offer preschool school to 3- and 4-year-old children in the afternoons, using a fourth room rented from the school division. The next year the preschool school was expanded to include a morning program. That same year the Centre increased its licensed spaces to 68 to further service the needs for care in our community.

In 2003 the Centre increased to 79 licensed spaces, 29 for pre-school children and 50 for school age children. The Centre had four program rooms, a storage room, and a room for the administration office and children's lockers. After careful fiscal consideration by the Board of Directors, the hot lunch program was discontinued but nutritious snacks, and a serving of milk with lunch, are served each day.

In 2006, the Centre increased to 97 licensed spaces, 21 for pre-school children, 10 spaces for Nursery School and 66 for school age children. The Centre has five program rooms, and a room for the administration offices and storage.

In 2009, the Centre increased to 102 licensed spaces, 24 for pre-school children, 15 space for Nursery school and 63 for school age children. The increase in the enhanced nursery school spaces addressed the waiting list for Nursery School. In 2016 Centre has received additional 24 spaces for Preschool program and 4 spaces for infant program. Lakewood Children Centre increased to 119 licensed spaces.

In 2020 Centre has received additional 46 unfunded spaces for School Age program. Lakewood Children Centre increased to 165 licensed spaces. In 2021 the Centre converted the Nursery School license into Preschool program.

In 2023 the Centre opened an additional 8 preschool spots.

In 2024 the Centre converted 16 preschool spaces into 12 infant spaces in the Ocean program. We have 72 preschool spots, 16 infant spaces and 79 Schoolage Spaces.

Hundreds of children have attended the Centre over the past years and our spaces are filled at any given time with full time, part time, and casual care. The Centre maintains a waiting list for all programs.

The Centre now employs 30 full time and part-time staff. We have an excellent relationship with the school and our program information can be found on the school's web page and our web page at <http://www.lakewoodcc.ca>

We are very proud to remain an integral part of our school and community!

LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE INCLUSION STATEMENT

It is the goal of the board and staff to provide an inclusive, developmentally appropriate group experience for all children in a secure, stimulating and child-centered environment; recognizing that all children have specific abilities and needs.

The Centre will make every effort to accommodate children with additional support needs, to give all children the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally, and intellectually. To reach all children's fullest potential; Lakewood will work as a team, comprising of the Board, Parents, Consultants, and Staff, to provide and support an inclusive program meeting each child's needs. To meet these varying needs the Centre will:

- Ensure the development of teams consisting of parents, consultants, and staff to meet regularly to ensure all areas of individual children's development is addressed.
- Ensure that supports are provided to each individual child to meet his or her varying needs throughout the day.
- Ensure that indoor and outdoor activities are provided for all children for full participation every day.
- Ensure the development of goals for children will be assessed and implemented based on the individual child's needs and development.
- Ensure that all staff will be involved and work with all children.
- Ensure that consultative and parental assistance is available if needed to develop goals for children's development.
- Ensure that goals will be shared with all staff members to assist staff in providing appropriate activities and curriculum.
- Ensure that child to staff ratios may be enhanced based on the individual children enrolled within the program, as staffing funds are available.
- Ensure that all staff members are trained and in-serviced on inclusion and additional support needs through any educational opportunities within our field.
- Ensure that the team advocates and informs governmental bodies regarding the need for additional and /or timely resources to support all initiatives.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Centre is open Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, from 7:00am-5:30pm. A late departure fee is charged for parents picking up their children after 5:30 p.m (see fee section) and is strictly enforced. Children attending the Centre should be on site no longer than 10 hours. If a child is attending longer than 10 hours a 10 plus hourly rate will apply.

LAKWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE POLICIES

The primary objective of the Centre is to meet the needs of families in the community by providing quality care for Infant, pre-school, kindergarten and school age children. The Centre operates year-round including school in-services, school winter break, school spring break, and during the summer. The Centre will accommodate requests for other than full time care only as space and circumstances permit. The Centre also offers part-time preschool program from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- to 5:00 p.m when two or more families are searching for complementary part-time programs. The Centre strives to follow and maintain the values found in the vision statement, the mission statement and the goals of the Centre.

REGISTRATION

Regular Program

The Primary Caregiver / Custodial Parent is required to complete a registration package upon enrollment of each child and sign the appropriate consent forms which are part of this package. This package must be updated as changes occur and reviewed for accuracy annually in August/September. A \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee is required for each enrollment.

Enrollment

All children will be enrolled from the Centre's wait list in the order they appear. We do however support the Lakewood School in serving the children and families who belong to the surrounding community, including a naturally occurring proportion of children with additional support needs (7- 8% of the general population).

Summer Program

Enrollment in the summer program is open to all children, grade one through grade 6. Children attending the regular program are automatically enrolled for summer program. Enrollment is also available to all children who do not attend the regular program if space is available.

Parents not wishing their child to attend the summer program must notify the Centre of their intent to withdraw their child by May 31. Parents can put their child on the waiting list for return in the fall, but this does not guarantee that a space will be available.

Age Accepted

The Centre is licensed for 4 spaces for babies in the infant program, 80 full time preschool, 10 kindergarten spots and 67 children in the school aged programs.

Supports for Enrolling Children and Families

If the acquisition of training and supports are needed to accommodate children, we will make every effort to ensure that those supports are put into place before children begin attending our daily program. Parents are encouraged to check the Centre's program rooms and inform the director or program managers about any adaptive equipment, or enhancements to the program or ratio-enhancing staff that will be needed to support the registration.

Toilet Training

Lakewood Children's Centre does accept children who are not toilet trained in our infant and preschool rooms Ocean and Willow only. Bathroom times are scheduled throughout the day to encourage training. The staff will work along with parents or care givers to help the child with training. If your child is in diapers, you must ensure to keep an adequate supply of disposable diapers, wet wipes, powder / creams and at least one complete change of clothes at the Centre.

Rest Period / Nap time

A rest period / naptime is part of our daily schedule. Children who are resting or taking a nap will be provided with a crib or cot (as per their age requirement) for their own use, as well as a sheet and a blanket. Parents may provide their own blanket if they want which will be washed weekly and will be required to stay at the Centre. A plush toy may be brought to help the child sleep.

After half an hour should a child not be sleeping, he/she will be given an alternate activity to do.

STAFF / CHILD RATIOS

As required by Manitoba Child Day Care regulations, minimum staff to child ratio is:

- School-age Program – 1 staff per 15 children
- Kindergarten Program- 1 staff per 10 children
- Pre-School Program – 1 staff per 8 children
- Infant Program - 1 staff per 4 babies.
- Inclusion Program – 1 staff per 1 child

A reduction of the ratio of staff to children may occur if a group of children are out on the school grounds and a child needs to return into the Centre for use of the bathroom or necessary first aid attention.

At all times our first consideration will be given to finding ways that the staff / child ratios will be maintained. E.g. taking a larger group of children inside or having “helpers” aid the staff.

MOVEMENT BETWEEN PROGRAMS

PLACEMENT INTO THE SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM IS NOT AUTOMATIC.

It is important that you are aware that placement into the school age program will depend on the availability of space. Due to the capacity of the school age program, we cannot guarantee your child will automatically have a space in the school age program.

We therefore strongly recommend that parents immediately place their child on the school age waiting lists in the area of their choice.

Information on Schoolage programs within the city can be obtained through the following government website: <https://childcaresearch.gov.mb.ca/>

Children accepted into our preschool Programs automatically have their names placed on the school age waiting list at the location they are enrolled at. We will make every effort to accommodate your child in the school age program once they are in grade one.

INSURANCE

Parents are strongly advised to carry a student accident insurance policy such as Blue Cross for each child. These policies are available through your child's school. If you are a parent of the Preschool or Infant program you may find more information with your local insurance broker. Lakewood Children's Centre carries - Manitoba Child Care Association Liability Insurance through Morris Insurance. Our policy details are posted in the hallway bulletin board.

FEE

- Fees are solely the responsibility of the Primary Caregiver / Custodial Parent.
- Fees will always be the maximum allowed by the Manitoba Child Day Care Office. Parents of children who are fully or partially subsidized by the Government of Manitoba will be required to pay the additional part of the parent fees to the maximum amount allowed by the Manitoba Child Day Care Office. This amount is currently \$2.00 per day per child. Regular fees will be charged whether or not your child attends. Subsidized parents are responsible for daily fees for absent days not covered by the Manitoba Child Day Care Office.
- Invoices are issued one week before the beginning of a four-week billing period and fees are due the Friday prior to the beginning of the same four-week billing period. Payment may be equally divided between a cheque dated on the due date and a cheque postdated up to two weeks beyond the due date. Both cheques or other form of payment must be received by the 2nd due date. We accept cash, cheque, and auto debit through (Rotessa).
- Please take special note that you may be asked to withdraw your child from the Centre if your fees are not paid on time. A reminder notice is posted three days prior to the 1st due date. If payment is still not received by the 2nd due date a late payment fee of \$15.00 is charged or notice of withdrawal may be issued within five days and the child/children will be denied care until payment is received in full. Outstanding accounts will be referred to small claims court or a designated collection agency.
- Late departure fees will be charged at the rate of \$15.00 for the first 15 minutes, plus \$15.00 for each 15-minute period thereafter for children picked up later than 5:30 p.m. Late departure fees are strictly enforced and will be added to your account.
- Regular fees for statutory holidays are charged for all children in all programs who attend Lakewood Children's Centre at any time during the billing period that includes the statutory holiday. This is to cover operational costs.
- Regular fees will be charged on the days the centre closes early to accommodate staff meetings and trainings. This also includes any full days that ELCC has granted for Professional Development.
- Regular fees will be charged for two weeks following notification of withdrawal from the Centre whether or not the child attends.
- Government subsidies are available for those families who qualify. Subsidy forms are also available from there. Parents can also apply for subsidy online at www.gov.mb.ca/childcare. Parents can find out their subsidy eligibility by visiting the subsidy estimator online at www.gov.mb.ca/see.
- There is a \$40.00 surcharge for NSF Fees *in addition to bank charges* that may be incurred for such transactions.
- Retain your receipts for income tax purposes. There is a \$10.00 charge for additional request of income tax receipts, and \$30.00 for writing a letter or form on request.

INFANT PROGRAM

- October - September - \$ 10.00 per day

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

- October - September - \$10.00 per day
- Statutory Holidays - \$ 10.00 per day
- Ten Plus hours a day - \$ 15.00 per day

SCHOOL AGE

- September - June - \$10.00 per day
- School in-service - \$20.80 per day
- Winter break and Spring Break - \$20.80 per day
- Summer - \$ 20.80 per day
- Statutory Holidays - Will be charged at the applicable rate.
- Ten Plus hours' day - \$31.20 per day

ALL PROGRAMS

- Sunscreen Fee - \$10.00 per month for the months with a high UV index.
(Generally, June, July, August for Preschool program and July, August for School Age Program)
- Late Departure - \$15.00 for first 15 minutes and \$15.00 for each additional 15 Minutes
- N.S.F. Fees - \$40.00 plus additional bank charges
- Total Annual Receipt - \$10.00
- Registration Fee - \$ 25.00 (Nonrefundable)
- Past Due Payment - \$15.00 for initial balance, \$15.00 for subsequent carry over
- Refundable charge FOB (Ocean and Infant room) - \$10.00 refundable upon return to the centre

Please note for security reasons payment by cheque, or Pre-Authorized Payment is preferred. Payment can be left in the black box located in the office of the Centre. Cheques will be deposited (after the 1st and 2nd due dates only). If you are paying cash, please make sure to enter the information in the logbook and ask any available staff member to count the money and sign in the logbook. Place the cash in an envelope, label it with your child's name and their program name, and the amount of money and insert it in the black box in the presence of a staff member. If you do not log the information in the logbook Lakewood Children's Centre has NO responsibility for the cash.

TWO WEEKS PARENTS FEE DEPOSIT

Starting in October 2020, newly registered children/families will be responsible for paying a 2-weeks withdrawal period fee prior to their start date. This is separate from the \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee. This deposit is non-interest bearing.

The withdrawal fee will be held on account as a credit and when a 2-weeks withdrawal notice is received, this pre-payment will be applied against the account.

These fees **MUST** be paid prior to the start date or families will not be eligible for entry to the Centre on their start date. This applies to government - subsidized spots as well. Parents must provide written notice two weeks prior to the withdrawal of their child.

The fees are as follows:

- Infant -** \$ 100.00*
- Preschool-** \$100.00*
- Kindergarten-** \$100.00*
- School-age-** \$103.00*

Provincially subsidized spots:

Amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis and communicated prior to the start date.

Any other expenses incurred before the last day will be the parent's responsibility. (ie field trips, special lunches etc.)

(*) rates given are the rates as of January 2024, these may be subject to change in accordance with The Community Childcare Standards Act

WITHDRAWAL OF A CHILD

Parents must provide the centre with written notice two weeks prior to the withdrawal of their child. Parents are responsible for those two weeks of fees, plus all expenses incurred before the last day the child attends the Centre.

If insufficient notice is given, the parent/guardian will be responsible to pay the fees for a two-week period beginning at the date of notice.

In the best interest of each child, the Centre reserves the right to request that the parent make alternate childcare arrangements for their child if it becomes apparent that a child is not adjusting to the childcare environment. Such a request shall be preceded by discussions with the director, parent / guardian, staff, representative from the Board of Directors as well as the Childcare Coordinator. Each child's situation shall be reviewed and appropriate notice for withdrawal will be given.

FIELDS TRIPS

Field Trips are a component in each of our Programs and we see the value of all children attending field trips and outings. We believe in full participation of all children in all field trips with their peers. Parents will be informed of the outing and may be invited to join the program group to assist in meeting the requirements of their individual child's needs. We will work with parents to ensure accessible, safe transportation, to and from outings is provided.

The permission portion of the registration must be signed at the time of enrollment to cover all field trips. Lakewood defines a Field Trip as a trip away from the Centre which requires transportation such as a school or city bus, or car. Trips where children walk to parks located around the school area are not considered field trips. Parents will be notified a minimum of 24 hours in advance of upcoming field trips. In addition, a flexible field trip schedule is included in the summer package. Children will be expected to display safe conduct and good behaviour. Failure to comply may result in the removal of field trip privileges at the discretion of the staff involved. Children are not allowed to bring their own money to any of our field trips, unless discussed, approved, and communicated to parents prior to a Field Trip.

Field Trips by Transit or Rented Bus:

Children may be transported to field trips by Transit or rented bus. The children travel with the same child: staff ratio in effect. While enroute, they are required to remain in their seats. It is important to know that these forms of transportation do not provide seatbelts for the children. Staff will sit intermingled with the children to ensure their safety.

Community Walk:

In most cases, parents will not be notified in advance of any community walks. Such walks are usually taken around the Crestview community (i.e. walks to the mailbox, nature walks, etc.). During these walking trips, the required staff to child ratio is maintained.

Programs also enjoy visitors invited into the center and experience visits to community places within walking distance to enhance their learning.

Any parent wishing to volunteer to help will be welcomed.

HELMETS

Parents are required to provide a CSA approved helmet for their child to wear if their child wishes to participate riding a bike, trike, and/or a scooter at the Centre as well as participating in any activity at a rink (skating, curling, roller skating).

Please ensure to label the helmet with your child's name. Children without helmets will not be permitted to ride a bike/trike/scooter or participate in any rink activity.

Sharing of helmets is not permitted.

SICK CHILDREN

If your child will be absent for any reason, please inform the Centre immediately. It is also advisable to call your child's school to inform them of illness/absence.

Illness:

If a child is sick when they wake in the morning, they are not to be brought to the daycare. The spread of disease in daycare is extremely difficult to control if parents do not adhere to this policy. If a parent brings their child to daycare ill, staff must ask the parent to wait while a Program Manager is called to talk with the parent and assess the situation. If a child becomes ill during the day, staff are required to report this immediately to the Program Manager who will contact the parents to arrange for pick up. Children are not to be left at the Centre when they are ill. This is in the best interest of the child who is ill, as well as the other children that this policy be strictly enforced.

If a child is sent home due to illness at any point in the day, parents will be asked to keep the child at home until all symptoms are gone, and parents have monitored their children's health for a minimum of one full day, OR a doctor's note has been obtained indicating that the child's condition is no longer contagious, and the child is well enough to return to daycare.

The following guideline Should be used to determine whether a child is not well enough to attend daycare:

- The illness prevents the child from participating in the program activities, OR
- The illness results in a greater need of care than the staff can provide: OR
- The illness will put the other children and staff at risk.

Please note:

We cannot provide care for children who are ill or otherwise unable to take part in our regular program, including field trips. Should this occur, the parent will need to find alternate care.

Common Medical Conditions and The Policy Regarding Them

- **Skin Rash**
 - Must be diagnosed and proper treatment started.
- **Fever**
 - Over 38.5C child must be picked up.
 - 38.0-38.4 Parents should be notified via text or call, but not mandatory to pick up.
 - Exclusion from program until fever (Over 38.5) has been gone for a minimum of 24 hours.
 - Tylenol may be given to an infant to protect spiking fevers until picked up.
 - Mild temperatures attributed to teething; parents will be contacted for Tylenol authorization.
- **Diarrhea**
 - Notify parents after 1st incident.
 - After 2nd incident in one day Child must go home.
 - Exclusion from program until a full day without incident.
 - If due to side effects of medication, prior notice of given medication must be given.
 - If due to other medical condition, office must be aware and noted in child's file.
- **Vomiting**
 - Parents must pick up after 1st incident of vomiting.
 - Exclusion from program until child has been a full day without incident.
 - Staff may use discretion if it is believed vomiting was caused by cough.
- **Conjunctivitis (Pink eye or other eye infection)**
 - Exclusion from program until antibiotic has been given for a full day AND all discharge has stopped.
- **Strep Throat**
 - Exclusion from program until 2 full days of antibiotics.
- **Ear Infections**
 - Exclusion until 1 full day on medication.
- **Infections being treated with Antibiotics.**
 - Exclusion until 1 full day of anti biotics OR infectious period has ended.
- **Cold**
 - May still attend daycare if they are able to cope with their day.
 - Extreme coughing or fever may result in parents being asked to check with their doctor.
- **Inability to cope**
 - *Program Manager* will make the decision, based off their knowledge of child's usual behaviour.

Communicable Diseases:

When Children become ill with communicable disease, parents are required to notify the daycare. Staff must pass this information on to their Program Manager. Parents in the program will be notified by a posting after we receive conformation of two children with a common disease. Parents can be directed to contact Public Health for information about specific diseases and the conditions for re – admittance. We reserve the right to request a doctor's note before re-admission to daycare is approved. Staff will be informed of this requirement whenever necessary.

If your child has a communicable disease, Manitoba Public Health regulations will be observed. Please note, although a child may no longer be contagious, he/she may still be too ill to take part in the regular program and should remain at home. When children return to the Centre after an illness, parents and/or doctors may request that they remain indoors. The Centre can comply with this request *only if staff is available to do so*.

Administration of Medication:

Whenever possible medication should be administered at home. If a child requires medication at daycare the following procedures must be followed:

- **Prescription Medication** - Parents must fill out one of our medication forms in order for the Centre to administer prescribed medicine. Medication is required to be in the original dispensing bottle with the prescription label. Staff will not administer prescription drugs if they are out of date or without the prescription.
- **Non-prescription medication** (e.g., cough syrup) may only be given when accompanied by a physician's letter stating the child's name, expiry date, time, and method of administration. For safety reasons, please give the medication directly to a staff member. Do not leave medication anywhere except in the hands of the staff.
- All medication will be stored in a secure location designated by the Centre. Medication cannot be left in your child's bag or cubby.
- **Due to the potential danger of high fevers in infants, the Director or Program Manager may authorize the administration of Tylenol or Tempra should a parent or emergency contact person be unavailable.**
- A separate medication form is available for long term authorization of medications such as EpiPen's or asthma medication. Staff can provide these to parents. Staff may at any time request training on the administration of specific medication i.e. asthma puffers, EpiPen's etc.
- EpiPen's and inhalers must be available at daycare always and must be kept current. Expired medications will be returned to parents.

Allergies: All allergies should be indicated on a child's registration form. Allergies are posted in each room for staff awareness. Food allergies are posted in each the kitchen area with a picture of the child and a note "Before you Feed Me Read Me". Staff are required to familiarize themselves with all allergies in their program and check for allergies before serving food to children.

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- If your child has been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy and requires the immediate injection of adrenaline by auto-injector, the Centre will administer the injection according to its policy. Please see the Anaphylaxis policy for more details.

A snack menu is posted in the main hallway each week. Parents should indicate any food, which the child are is allowed to consume due to allergies or other health concerns. Staff should check the daycare app for the daily menu.

Peanut Allergies:

Our Centre has children enrolled with severe peanut allergies. These allergies are life threatening and every effort is made to keep our environments free of hazards for these children.

- Peanuts, nuts and peanut butter are strictly prohibited in all our programs.
- Any child who comes to daycare with peanut butter sandwiches will be given an alternative sandwich and a reminder note will be sent home in their lunch kits.
- Please place a note on the sandwich container if providing a sandwich using a peanut butter alternative.
- Staff will be made aware of the children with peanut allergies and will take reasonable precautions to ensure these children do not come in the contact with nuts.
- Parents are asked to try to use due diligence in sending lunches which are safe in case they come in contact with these children.

Head Lice:

Staff reserve the right to assess a child's head with the child's permission in a private environment away from peers

- **Live head lice:**
 - Parents called for immediate pick up.
 - Exclusion for 24 hours after medicated shampoo has been given.
 - Parents must pick up nits for a period of 7 days.
 - If any live lice are seen during this period, parents must pick-up immediately.
 - Information to the public health nurse will be provided if families need help controlling a chronic problem.

SUNSCREEN AND INSECT SPRAY POLICY

In accordance with best practice and Child Day Care Regulation (Section 10 (4)) that states that all children are expected to have outdoor play every day, the Centre will provide children with SPF sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15. The Centre will also provide insect repellent at the Health Canada's recommended level of Deet. (10% Deet level; no more than three times per day) The first summer invoice will reflect a \$30.00 charge for preschool, \$20.00 charge to Schoolage added to your childcare fees to cover the cost of these products. If your child is allergic to the product on site, the parent will provide appropriate sunscreen in a labeled container for their child.

If you do not wish your child to receive insect repellent, please notify the Centre in writing.

SMOOTH TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

We will attempt to provide extra support to families during critical transitional periods, such as times when children and families move from one program or service provider to another. Staff will collaborate with school staff and parents to design and implement transitional strategies for children between school and Centre time. The Centre will provide a final report and meet with families and school personnel to facilitate smooth changes for children as requested. Communication between all parties will occur if the child is experiencing difficulties or at other times as needed. All possible resources, environmental adjustments, child development considerations and staff complements will be thoughtfully considered to assist a child within the program.

CLOTHING

Because of fire drills and for safety reasons, all children must have rubber soled indoor footwear. It is advisable to keep one pair of shoes at the Centre.

School age children may not return to their classrooms for shoes or any other forgotten articles after school is finished.

Weather permitting, the Centre offers outdoor time every day. Parents must ensure that appropriate play clothes for outside are provided in all seasons. It is advisable for all children to keep a change of clothing in their Centre lockers. The Centre will not be responsible for lost or damaged items. Since the Centre encourages creativity and freedom of expression, please understand that it is possible at any given time for a child's clothing to become soiled. Since the Centre's lockers are open or without locks, we encourage all of our children to leave their belongings in a zippered backpack or bag in their locker. The Centre will not be responsible for lost or damaged items.

In the event the Centre must provide your child with alternate clothing these items must be returned in a labelled bag freshly laundered condition to the office.

If not, a \$10.00 fee will be assessed.

ELECTRONICS DEVICE POLICY (Including cellphones)

- Electronic toys such as Game boys, iPads, Nintendo Games, smart watches etc. will not be allowed at the Centre (excepting an occasional pre-planned staff monitored electronics day). This policy also includes school-age Childrens' cellphones. This policy follows best practice for children's play and will address the issue of lost and/or stolen electronic items.
- Any electronic device brought to the centre from home on a pre-planned day is asked to not have data enabled and no Wi-fi will be provided. Due to our staffs' limited capacity for supervising all the children's devices at once this will ensure that no online gaming chat or contact with strangers on the internet happens during the electronic day.
- No photos of any children (even friends) can be taken on personal devices. If any photos of children are found taken at the centre the daycare staff reserve the right to delete the photos.
- Please note the children are not allowed to record anyone or anything during their day at the centre. If any recording devices are found on
- Lakewood Children's Centre reserves the right to confiscate any unauthorized electronic device (or recording device) brought or any electronic device which breaks the above stated policy and hold it in the office for an authorized pick-up person to retrieve.

The Centre may provide computer/tablet or other electronic access to children within program rooms for educational purposes where the children will be reminded and need to adhere to the 'Technology Policy' found on page 32 to maintain these privileges and adhere to the posted computer rules.

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

The Centre provides a nutritious morning snack. Schoolage children are served morning snack at 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. while preschool and infant children are served morning snack in between 9:00 until 9:30 a.m. These snacks follow the Canada Food Guide and the Child Day Care Regulations. Please note, they are a snack sized serving and do not replace a meal. The Centre will provide a milk supplement with the lunch provided by parents. The Centre has microwaves for parents wishing to *occasionally* send an item that requires heating, *but there is only one microwave for each program room*. Program Rooms may set individual rules about the number of days they will accept heat ups due to the number of children needing to eat within the assigned school lunch hour. Rooms will also set a number of days that they accept heat ups over the summertime as rooms will picnic and be away from the Centre during many lunchtimes. We request that parents send nutritious lunches that follow the Canada Food Guide. If a child does not bring a lunch from home, the Centre will provide a lunch at a cost of \$6.00 to parents. This charge will be added to the next invoice.

Menus are posted on the Centre bulletin board and are available to take home on request. Any time the menu items are not available, the staff will post the changes on the bulletin board, so parents may see the substitution that has been made.

Due to children with severe life-threatening allergies, the Centre has been declared as nut-free facility. Parents who pack lunches or snacks for their children must be respectful of this policy. If parents are unsure of what products may contain nuts the Centre can provide a partial list of such products.

If any families are wanting to celebrate a special occasion, any treats brought into the centre must be pre-packaged store-bought treats with the nut-free symbol.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

We will strive to ensure that the same hours of operation apply to all families and children of all abilities to meet all families' needs. We will attempt to have our Exits accessible and user-friendly for all children and families. Lakewood Children's Centre has permission to use Lakewood School's main wheelchair accessible doors for admittance to and from the Centre as needed.

Parents are required to escort their child into the program room and verbally announce their arrival. Staff must acknowledge their arrival and record their arrival in the attendance.

Staff are expected to greet and welcome every parent and child as they arrive each day. This should be a time for a friendly exchange of information between caregivers and families. All messages passed on from parents must be written in the communication book.

Staff may be required to assist children who are having separation anxiety. Staff should volunteer to assist the parent when they are ready to leave. Children are not to be left unsupervised in any room or in the hallway area. **If staff observe this happening, please stop the parent, and instruct them about this policy.**

CHILD'S ARRIVAL

Please try, as much as your schedule will allow, making arrivals and departures as unhurried and pleasant as possible. It will make a significant difference in your day and your child's.

Please remove yours and your child's outdoor footwear before entering into the daycare. Your child's outdoor footwear will go on their room's boot rack. Help your child into their indoor footwear. Hand sanitizing procedures are consistently followed in the Centre to promote a healthy environment and decrease the spread of germs. Your involvement in this procedure is important. Mornings can be a busy time, so please expect staff to give a friendly reminder to help you to adjust to these practices.

- Upon entering the room, please head straight to the sink to wash your child's hands before they touch any of the toys etc. You may find it easier to leave your bags on the floor just inside the door, so your hands are free to assist your child.
- Wash your own hands with soap at the same time as your child's.
- Dispose of any paper towels in the recycle bin.

General Procedure

Pre-school and Kindergarten drop off: Children are to be escorted into the Centre, and then escorted into their program room by a parent or guardian. At that point, the staff will mark the pre-school and Kindergarten child into the Centre on the attendance and assume responsibility.

Note: School age children cannot assume responsibility for their pre-school/nursery school aged siblings.

Pre-school and Kindergarten Pick up: Once a parent or guardian arrives in the room, or outside staff will communicate with them and have the child signed out. At that point, staff is no longer responsible for the child.

School age: A.M. arrivals: For school age children who come to the Centre before going to school, the Centre will assume responsibility for the children only after they have entered their program room and announced their arrival to the staff in that room. Centre responsibility ends when school bell rings at 8:40 am and staff signed them out from the attendance in the morning.

Lunch and after school (p.m.) arrivals: For school age children who are arriving at the Centre from school for lunch or after-school, the Centre will assume responsibility for the child *only* after they have entered their Centre program room and announced their arrival to the staff members in that room. Centre responsibility ends when school bell rings at 12:40 pm at lunch time and staff signed them out. Centre responsibility ends when parent picks up the child/ren directly from the program and staff sign them out from the attendance.

School age Pick up: Once a parent or guardian arrives in the room or outside, staff will communicate with them and have the child signed out. At that point, staff is no longer responsible for the child.

If your child will be absent for any period, parents are responsible for notifying the centre via:

- phone call 204-832-5802 or
- text message 204-410-1761

Please ensure that the Centre has reliable phone numbers where parents can be contacted around the lunch hour (11:35 - 12:40 p.m.) And after school (3:35 – 4:30 p.m)

Only parents, guardians or other persons designated on the registration form will be permitted to pick up children. Other persons not designated on the registration form picking up children may do so *only with signed permission or a telephone call or text message* from the parent or guardian and that person providing identification to the staff. Pick up persons must bring Identification and will be asked by a staff to produce this ID.

Siblings under the age of 16 are not allowed to pick up children.

Please help your school aged child to understand that he/she cannot leave the Centre unless they have signed permission from their parents stating which extra curriculums they can attend and what period. Children will not be allowed to wait in the outer hall for parents but must remain inside the supervised areas until parents arrive. Please notify the staff when leaving with your child so that your child will be marked out for the day on the attendance.

Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. Parents policy

School age children are absolutely not allowed to return to their classrooms / plaza for forgotten articles after school time (4:00 p.m.). This is in keeping with the security of the school. Parents are expected to observe this rule when picking up their child.

Arrival and departure to and from the Centre by parents and children must be through the Centre doors. These are the southernmost doors facing Kay Crescent. Parents should directly pick up their child/ren from the program and inform the staff member to sign out the child from the attendance.

If a school age child becomes upset and leaves their program room or supervised group, the Centre will remain responsible for providing the *best supervision that is possible under the circumstances*. If the staff is unable to locate your child or convince your child to return to the group, they will call the parent and expect them to come and take responsibility for the child's care and safety.

If any child habitually runs away, and will not remain with a supervised group, the Centre may ask the parent to remove this child from care for sake of the child's, the staff's, and the other children's safety.

Intoxicated or Impaired parents or guardians

A child will not be released to any person who, in the opinion of the staff on duty is drunk, appears impaired or poses some potential threat to the safety of the child.

Procedure for Enforcement of Custodial Rights

In cases of separated or divorced parents, where it has been indicated on the registration form that the ex-spouse may not pick up the child from the Centre, it is necessary to provide the Centre with a copy of the court order or legal documents stating custodial rights. This is a regulation of the Manitoba Child Day Care Office. Without these documents the Centre cannot enforce the custodial arrangements indicated on the Centre registration form. All such documents will be held in the strictest confidence.

Intercom System

Lakewood School will be locked at all times and parents are required to use the intercom system at the childcare door for entry to the Centre. The intercom is located just to the left as you stand in front of the main entrance doors. For safety and security reasons, the staff will not admit any unidentified persons. Parents or other care givers dropping off/picking up children will be expected to enter and exit by the Centre doors only, and to state their full name clearly, as well as the name of any other person in their company. Please do not admit any people who have not identified themselves or who are not in your company.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Manitoba Child Day Care regulations require the Centre to have a transport policy. This will tell you where your children are throughout the day and who is supervising them.

7:00 – 8:40 Children are dropped off by parents or walk to the Centre. The Centre is not responsible for children until they have entered the program room and are checked in.

8:30 School age children with proper permission indicated on their registration are allowed to be dismissed to outside where school staff supervises for 10 minutes until school begins.

11:35 School age children arrive for lunch. Children walk through the school corridors and do not have to leave the school building in order to get to the Centre from classes.

12:30 School age children with proper permission indicated on their registration are allowed to be dismissed to outside where school staff supervises for 10 minutes until school begins.

3:35 – 5:30 Centre responsibility starts at 3:35 when child / children enter the program room. Centre responsibility ends when the parent picks up the child / children directly from the program and staff sign them out from the attendance.

Bus drops off: Centre responsibility starts when a child gets off the bus and meets the staff. Staff sign in the child in the attendance when they enter in the program room.

Bus picks up: Centre responsibility ends when the child gets on the bus. Staff sign out the child from the attendance.

During the program hours at the Centre, children (grade 1 to 6) have free access to three different rooms that are supervised by staff and access to Lakewood School's primary washrooms. While they are walking to and from these rooms, no staff is assigned to supervise in the hallway.

LAKWOOD SCHOOL SUPERVISION

As the weather allows Lakewood School provides supervision for its students for 10 minutes at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. prior to the commencement of school classes. On our registration forms Lakewood Children's Centre asks if you would like to provide permission to allow your child to leave the supervision of Lakewood Children's Centre to go outside during the times stated above. Read and understand the Transportation policy. (Permission attached in the school age and Kindergarten registration form)

INTERMITTANT SUPERVISION – Schoolage and Kindergarten

Parents understand that during the program hours at Lakewood Children's Centre, all program rooms are locked and access to these rooms is by staff with keys. Children coming down from the school area will be met by staff members who have keys to the room. School Aged children who are walking to and from the school area at times when school is in session or when coming back or forth from the Centre encounter times when there is intermittent supervision. Read and understand the Transposition policy. (Permission attached in the school age and Kindergarten registration form.)

INDIRECT SUPERVISION POLICY for school age children including Kindergarten

Children may be supervised in one of two ways: directly or indirectly.

Direct supervision refers to when staff are directly in the same room/area and able to see and/or hear the children. Children are always directly supervised while outside. Preschool (not including kindergarten) children are always directly supervised.

Indirect supervision refers to when the staff are not in the same area and may not be able to see or hear your child directly but are still monitoring your child's safety. Staff will take into account the age, developmental level and individual needs of each child as they determine the level of supervision required for each situation. As each child grows and develops, they need opportunities to practice independence and build self-confidence. Indirect supervision encourages these skills.

Due to the physical location of the daycare wing within the school and the developmental ages of the children, indirect supervision occurs on a daily basis. The following safety measures are in place to make sure that the children return to the directly supervised area within a reasonable amount of time.

- When kindergarten and school age children (Grade 1 to 6) go to use the bathroom in the school hallway, the children must inform the staff and follow the procedure.
- When kindergarten and school age children (Grade 1 to 6) want to go use water fountain in the school hallway, they must ask the staff before leaving the room.
- When kindergarten and school age children (Grade 1 to 6) want to go to their daycare lockers in the hallway, they must ask the staff before leaving the room.
- In all circumstances described above:
 - The children are to leave the program room door open and tell the staff when they return from the bathroom, locker or water fountain.
 - The staff must take note of the time that the children left the room. If the children do not return in a reasonable amount of time (approximately 3 to 5 minutes from the bathroom or 1 to 2 minutes from their locker or water fountain), the staff go to check on them.
- In addition, there may be times that school age children (Grade 1 to 6) want to move to a different program room. The children must ask the staff. The staff communicates with the staff in the other room to let them know to expect the children and when they will arrive in the other area. If the children do not return in a reasonable amount of time, the staff go to check on them.

Should you have any concerns with the procedures described above, please discuss them with the Executive Director so that other arrangements can be made.

I _____ understand that my child/ren _____
may not be directly supervised and grant my permission.

Signature

Date



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**LAKEWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE INC
Policy to Address Staffing Shortages**

This policy developed in response to possible staffing shortages in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. strives to provide the highest quality care for your children. It requires an adequate staff ratio available on the floor to interact with and care for the children.

The Centre Management advertises frequently for substitute positions when required and provides trained Early Childhood Educators & Childcare Assistants. There may be occasions where Lakewood Children's Centre has insufficient staff to provide care for all the children enrolled in our program.

When there are insufficient staff members to care for your child, we will have to turn a specific number of children away to maintain a legislated child-staff ratio. Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. will use a rotating system that ensures that if childcare services are unavailable, it would be on a rotational basis that does not repeatedly or singularly affect the same families.

If the Centre is so understaffed that it must turn away children, staff will notify parents before they arrive at the Centre. Should we be unable to do so, daycare staff will notify upon arrival. It is also important to note that you will not be charged fees for days when the Centre cannot provide childcare for you due to a staffing shortage.

I have read and understood Lakewood Children's Centre Inc.'s policy to address staffing shortages.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

BEHAVIOUR

General information

Children must be toilet trained.

(Does not apply for the INFANT AND OCEAN PRESCHOOL WING AND WILLOW ROOM)

Disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. After discussion between parent, staff, and child, the parent may be asked to remove their child from the Centre. The Behaviour Management Statement below has been drawn up as per Manitoba Child Day Care regulations. Please inform the Centre of any major disruption in your child's life (i.e.: illness, divorce, death, etc.) so that your child's behaviour will be approached in an understanding and suitable fashion. All such information will be strictly confidential.

If a child develops uncharacteristic behaviour problems while in the care of the Centre, every attempt will be made to identify the source of the problem and to assist and support the parent and child through development of specific behaviour management policies, and/or offering or guiding parents to parenting courses if necessary.

The Centre can apply to the Manitoba Child Day Care office for Inclusion Support for a child if it is determined that they are in need of individual attention. If this application is not processed or if funding is not available, it may be necessary to remove the child from care.

If it is determined that a child is displaying excessively violent behaviour that is endangering him/her and/or the other people around him/her, the child will be isolated from the program and parents will be called for **immediate** pick up.

Children whose ongoing behaviour is violent and/or a safety concern for themselves, other children, or staff, will be removed immediately and without notice. Parents will be credited for any pre-paid fees after but not including the withdrawal date. Reapplication will be considered after professional assessment is completed for the child, and if appropriate resources are approved and available to the Centre.

Behaviour Management Statement

This statement is comprised of two sections. The first section is the formal statement of the Behaviour Management policy as established by the Centre's Board of Directors. The second section is additional information concerning this policy.

In accordance with the Licensing Standards for Daycares manual, the following is not permitted, practiced, or inflicted:

- Physical abuse (spanking, hitting, pushing, shaking, etc.)
- Verbal and/or emotional abuse (belittling, sarcasm, ridicule, etc.)
- Force feeding (forcing a child to remain at the table to eat every last bite)
- Withdrawal of washroom privileges
- Withdrawal of food privileges

The goal of the Board is to provide an emotionally positive atmosphere for the children attending the Centre. Positive reinforcement and encouragement of appropriate behaviour is stressed. The Centre staff aims for consistency, fairness and warmth in their approach to the children. Creativity, independence, and freedom of expression are encouraged, and a special emphasis is placed on the practices of fairness, equality and mutual respect.

Rules and regulations are kept to a minimum and are reviewed periodically with the children.

These rules are designed to maintain an adequate level of program functionality and safety.

Behaviours identified as violent, disrespectful, or unsafe are dealt with as follows:

- Redirection.
- Discussion with program room's staff.
- If necessary, short-term separation from the group, for a cooling off period.
- Logical or natural consequence to the misbehaviour (i.e., a child playing in an unsafe manner in the gym may be asked to leave the gym, or a child throwing toys about the room, may be asked to put the toys away and find something else to do).
- If these behaviours continue, the staff member and child will discuss the problem with the Program Director, Assistant Director or the Executive Director.
- If these behaviours continue on a regular basis, a meeting of parents/guardians, Executive Director and child may be convened. A recommendation may be made to seek outside help (counselors, psychologists, etc.).
- The Centre uses incident reports to apprise parents of any behavioural or accidental incidents involving their child.
- A staff member who is dealing with a violent child will approach a child in a nonaggressive manner to discuss the situation with the child.
- If the first staff member cannot convince the child to stop the violence, he/she will remove themselves and have another staff member approach the child in hope that redirection to another person will settle and cool the situation.
- If the child continues to be violent, the staff will remove the other children from the situation and get a Program Director, Assistant Director or Executive Director.
- At this point the Centre will call the parents to come and take responsibility for their child's care and safety.
- Children who run away from the supervised group or the program room put the safety of all children at risk. The Centre will remain responsible for providing *the best supervision that is possible under the circumstances*. If staff is unable to locate your child or convince the child to return to the group, the Centre will call the parent and expect them to come and take responsibility for their child's care and safety.

In cases of persistent violence, extreme violence, or persistent unsafe behaviours, notification may be made to the parents/guardians that the Centre will no longer accept the child for care.

Parental/Guardian Roles and Responsibilities

Parents should not approach children who are not their own, who are displaying disruptive behaviour or otherwise seemingly in distress. If your child has had issues with another child in the Centre, please approach a staff member and quietly discuss your concerns, please do not approach the other child. The Centre appreciates parents desire to ensure that staff are aware of the situation, however, it is in the parent's best interest and that of the child that they allow staff to handle the matter.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the behaviour management policy with the staff, Executive Director and/or Board at any time. The parents are in the best position to assist the staff in dealing with problems because of their knowledge of their own child's sensitivities, likes and dislikes.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Pre-School Daily Schedule:

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

7:00 - 8:00 -Children arrive at classroom, wash hands
before free play, activities at learning areas

8:00 – 11:30 -Morning snack
-Room-activities, Clean up time
-Circle time (songs, stories, open discussions)
-Outside play time-gross motor

11:30 - 12:30 -Lunch time and nap time preparation
-Optional nap time, free play,
gym or outside for non-nappers
-Afternoon snack
-Crafts and Activities
-Outside play / gym play

5:30 -Centre Closed

Lakewood Children's Centre Inclusion Statement

It is the goal of the board and staff to provide an inclusive, developmentally appropriate group experience for all children in a secure, stimulating and child-centered environment; recognizing that all children have specific abilities and needs.

The Centre will make every effort to accommodate children with additional support needs, to give all children the opportunity to develop physically, emotionally, and intellectually. To reach all children's fullest potential; Lakewood will work as a team, comprising the Board, Parents, Consultants, and staff, to provide and support an inclusive program meeting each child's needs.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Kinder Program In-Service Day and Holidays Schedule:

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

7:00 - 8:00 -Children arrive at classroom, wash hands
before free play, activities at learning areas

8:00 – 11:30 -Morning snack
-Room-activities, Clean up time
-Circle time (songs, stories, open discussions)
-Outside play time-gross motor

11:30 - 12:30 -Lunch time and nap time preparation
-Optional nap time, free play,
gym or outside for non-nappers
-Afternoon snack
-Crafts and Activities
-Outside play / gym play

5:30 -Centre Closed

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Kinder Program Daily Schedule

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

7:00- 8:40	Children arrive at the Centre, free play Snack offered
8:40	Dismissal to School
11:35 -12:40	Lunch program
12:40	Dismissal to School
3:40-5:30	Children arrive after school, come and go snack offered, free play, activity, gym, outside may be offered
5:30	Centre Closed

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

School-age Daily Program Schedule

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

7:00- 8:40	Children arrive at the Centre, free play Snack offered
8:40	Dismissal to School
11:35-12:40	Lunch program
12:40	Dismissal to School
3:40-5:30	Children arrive after school, come and go snack offered, free play, activity, gym, outside may be offered
5:30	Centre Closed

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

School-age In-Service and Holiday Program

Schedule

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

7:00- 11:30 Children arrive at the Centre, free play
Come and Go Snack Offered
Pre-planned outing, Activity, Gym or outside may be offered

11:30-12:30 Lunch Time

12:30-5:30 Free play, pre-planned outing, activity, gym, or outside may be offered, come and go snack offered

5:30 **Centre Closed**

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Daily Schedule for part time Preschool

Time and activities are flexible for change based on children's needs, interests, & the weather

A.M. Part Time Preschool Schedule:

8:45Welcome/ Free Play, Circle Time,
Activity Time, Clean Up
Wash Hands/Snack Time
Outside/Play time
Story/Songs
Lunch
12:45.....**Home time!**

P.M. Part Time Preschool Schedule:

1:00 Welcome/ Free Play, Circle Time,
Activity Time, Clean Up
Wash Hands/Snack Time
Outside/Play time
Story/Songs
5:00.....**Home time!**

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Daily Schedule for Infant Program

While we realize that infants need consistency, regularity and order in routines, we also recognize that each child has their own individual rhythm. Please keep in mind that we follow the children's natural schedules as much as possible so consider the following schedule only as a guide:

7:00 - 9:15 AM.

- Free Play
- 8:30 Snack is offered
- 9:00 diapering
- Clean up

9:30 - 11:00 AM.

- Outdoor play / walk (weather permitting)
- Free play

11:00 - 12:30 PM.

- Lunch
- Free Play

- Diaper Change

12:30 - 2:30 PM.

- Nap time/ quiet time

2:30 - 4:00 PM.

- Diaper Changes
- Snack is offered
- Free play

- Nap time quiet time

4:00 – 5:30 PM.

- Diaper Changes
- Free Play
- Outdoor / walk (weather permitting)

5:30 Centre Closed

This Schedule is flexible to meet all the children's individual need and developmental levels. Note: When necessary the infants will be integrated into the preschool program throughout the day as needed. We feel this is beneficial for development, empathy and most importantly for the infant to become familiar with all the staff and children within the Centre.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Our Safety Charter approved by the Board of Directors and the Manitoba Government ensures that procedures and staff responsibilities regarding emergency evacuations are in place and posted in an accessible location in each program room.

We will attempt to use a user-friendly emergency exit if available in an emergency.

An established emergency shelter will be in close proximity to the Centre and safe and accessible for all children.

Crisis response procedures are reviewed by Staff and Board on a regular basis and adapted to the needs of the currently enrolled children.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The technology policy is meant to ensure that people's privacy and the confidentiality of information about the Centre, children, parents; guardians/caregivers and staff is upheld. Everyone involved with the Centre must adhere to this policy. Failure to do so can result in consequences and disciplinary action.

- Staff may use the internet when appropriate to access information needed to conduct Centre business and are responsible for using the internet in a manner that is ethical and lawful.
- E-Mail is to be used for business purposes only.
- All people using the Centre's computer and electronic devices must respect and protect the privacy of others and must respect the integrity of all electronic resources.
- All intellectual property (ideas, creations, copyrights) of others must be respected and protected.
- All communications must be in a respectful manner and the use, or discovery of the use of any threatening or inappropriate material must be reported.

PRIVACY POLICY

Policy Statement:

Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. is committed to maintaining and preserving the accuracy, confidentiality, security and privacy of the information that is provided by the families, children, staff, and volunteers at the Centre.

Required Information Collected:

The information listed below is information required by the Manitoba Child Day Care office when enrolling a child at a licensed childcare facility:

- Child's name, home address, date of birth, Province of Manitoba Medical Health Insurance numbers (Including the child's personal health identification number), and list of allergies, restrictions, or medical conditions.
- Parents' or guardian's names, home addresses and phone numbers, place of employment address and phone number, any other phone numbers registered to the family.
- Legal custody orders (if applicable).
- Emergency contact's name, home address and phone number, place of employment address and phone number.
- The names of alternate pick-up persons to whom the child is to be released, home address and phone number, place of employment address and phone number.
- Family doctor's name, address, phone number.
- Records of any medical, physical, developmental, or emotional conditions relevant to the care of the child.
- Arrival and departure times of the child to and from the Centre.
- Written permission, from the child's parent or guardian, for the administration of medication. This includes the dosage, type of medication, method of administration, and time of administration.

Additional Information Collected by Lakewood Children's Centre:

This information may be collected by administration for the purpose of fee collection, communication to parents, obtaining resources for children, safety and wellbeing of the children or staff.

- Banking information for the payment of fees
- E-mail addresses for correspondence
- Attendance schedule
- Consent for various Centre activities, outings, field trips etc.
- Verification of attendance at school or institutions (for staff employment)
- Information from Children's Special Services and all their professional resource staff assigned to an individual case.
- Information from St. James School Division Educational Support Services and all their professional resource staff assigned to an individual case.
- Information from other institutions or services, and their professional resource staff that the family has been referred to for the care and treatment of their child. All personal family information will be kept on file at the Centre for a maximum of two years after the date of withdrawal in accordance with provincial regulations.

Parents/guardians may have access to their and their children's personal information at any time upon request. In the case of custody orders/agreements, access to information will be granted according to the terms of the orders/agreements.

Policy of Access to Information:

All information collected is for the use of Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. and is never shared or sold to other businesses or individuals. Personal information will be used in correspondence with the Manitoba Child Day Care office for collection of subsidy fees. It will also be shared with third parties to whom the Centre has entered into a contractual agreement in order to fulfill invoicing, fee collection, receipting, data base management and audit requirements. In these situations, confidentiality agreements are in place to ensure the protection of personal information.

With parental/guardian consent only, personal information will be released to other applicable agencies, centers, or individuals.

Within Lakewood Children's Centre, staff with administrative responsibilities including the Executive Director, and program managers have access to all personal information provided by families, while all other staff has access to child information records only.

Within Lakewood Children's Centre, the Executive Director, has access to all personnel files, while other staff has access to their individual staff files.

Storage and Security of Information:

Personal information is stored and secured in a number of ways. Original registration forms and other personal information indicated above are kept in locked file cabinets and are secured daily. Much of this information is also stored electronically and in order to ensure its safety and security the Centre observes the following:

- All Centre computers that store personal information run anti-virus software that is updated at a minimum of twice a week. A virus scan is run weekly.
- All computer programs that store personal information require passwords, which are changed regularly and require user ids.
- In the case of third parties with which the Centre has entered into a contract with, daily backups are performed, and encryption is used in the transfer of data and use of third-party software.

The Province of Manitoba Child Day Care Act requires that whenever a group of children leave the Centre, their vital information must accompany them. The information that is required to be taken with the children is:

- Child's Name, home address, date of birth
- Parent /guardian's name, home address and phone number, place of employment address and phone number, and another alternate phone number.
- Custody orders
- Emergency contact's name, home address and phone number, place of employment address and phone number
- The names of alternate pick-up persons to whom the child can be released to.
- Province of Manitoba Medical Health Insurance numbers including the child's personal health identification number.
- Allergies and restrictions
- Family doctor

This information is stored in booklets that are under the care, custody, and control of the Centre staff.

The Board of Directors is committed to provide a comprehensive privacy policy for all members of the organization. Therefore, this policy will be reviewed annually, and changes will be made to protect the accuracy, confidentiality security and privacy of the information that this organization receives.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

At Lakewood Children's Centre education and development are important, but we know that nothing matters more than the safety, security and health of your child. That's why protection and preparedness are critical considerations in everything we do at Lakewood Children's Centre.

Security cameras (closed circuit television systems - CCTV) are installed in Lakewood Children's Centre to monitor school property, to assist daycare administrators in detecting and deterring unacceptable behaviour or activities, and to provide an historical record to assist in investigation.

Security cameras are used to accomplish three important goals

- To enhance the safety of our kids and staff
- To protect daycare property against theft and vandalism
- To assist in the identification of intruders and of persons endangering the health, wellbeing, or safety of daycare community members

Any footage is property of Lakewood Children's Centre and will only be shared with Board of Directors and / or police if required. Due to privacy act a parent request to view footage will not be met unless there is a court order.

Staff members or children enrolled at Lakewood Children's Centre in any program will be under video surveillance while visiting / working / sheltering or helping. **Cameras will not monitor the inside of washrooms.**

Security Fobs

Infant and Ocean Preschool Parents only

To maintain the security and safety, Lakewood Children's Centre will issue Key Fobs only to the registered families of the Centre.

Upon registration, parents/guardians will receive a security fob/pass to permit entry only into the daycare to drop off and pick up their child(ren). A deposit of \$10 is required for security fob/pass. A maximum of two fobs per family will be issued to each family.

The deposit will be returned to the family once the child is no longer in the infant and Pre-School wing and only if it is in working order.

Parents/guardians are asked to use their fob/pass to enter the Centre. For security reasons, please do not open the door for strangers or other parents who do not have a fob/pass. If someone asks you to open the door for them, please contact a staff member and ask them to greet the individual. All visitors and alternate pickup people are required to ring the doorbell so that a staff member may greet them upon entry and check for identification.

Lost or Theft

The families are responsible for reporting the loss or theft of any Key Fob to the Centre immediately. Lost or stolen Fobs will be immediately de-authorized to prevent any potential misuse of the device. Replacement Key Fobs will be issued at a cost of \$ 20.00 per Fob.

PARENTS COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVMENT

Daily communication between parent and staff will be child and family focused and centered on the child's strengths. Communication can include verbal reports, written reports or phone communication if requested by the parent. When sharing information with other agencies, or other professionals, informed consent is required from the parent. When necessary, meetings may be called between family, Centre staff, and other service providers to share information about the child and to discuss the goals for that child. We value, and respect parental and family input, we encourage family members to participate in the child's day at the Centre and share their family's culture with other children and staff.

We encourage active participation by parents on the Board of Directors and any committees formed for the benefit of the Centre.

We encourage parents to participate in panels, workshops, advocacy or training events that are provided for staff members.

We welcome comments, questions or suggestions from parents and family members at any time.

Staff and parents have found from experience that without parental involvement we cannot achieve the quality of care that we feel is desirable. There are several ways that you, as a parent, can become involved:

Communication: Communication between parents / guardians and staff is key to providing the best quality care for your children. With this in mind the Centre will copy all documented incidents and reports each day. The Centre has an answering machine and communication app that parents can use to leave messages about their children's attendance. Phone messages are written down and shared with appropriate staff. Staff check messages regularly. ECEs and CCAs wear nametags using only their first names and qualifications.

Donations: occasionally the daycare may ask for donations of various materials. All parents can help contribute with supplies in this manner.

Fund-raising: In order to preserve the quality of our program it will be necessary to undertake at least two fundraising projects per year. The amount to be raised will be determined in the annual budget by the Director and the Board of Directors. Parents are asked to support the Centre whenever possible either by contributions of time in helping with the project or monetarily (if preferred). Charitable donation receipts will be issued upon request for donations of new or used articles (appliances, computers, etc.) at an estimated fair market value or for monetary contributions in excess of \$10.00. Parents who contribute to the United Way (etc.) through payroll deductions and who request that their contribution is designated for Lakewood Children's Centre will receive a charitable donation credit for that amount. Throughout the year the Centre engages in various fund-raising activities, e.g. raffles, bake sale, Peak of the Market, Cash Calendar, etc. Fund-raising is very important to the Centre in that the funds raised are used to purchase new equipment and program supplies for the Centre. Parents can help a great deal by participating in these events.

Parent(s) of a child with exceptionalities, whether that exceptionality be medical, emotional, social, physical or cognitive, you know the skills and abilities your child has, the goals you have set out for your child and the level and quality of care your child requires. In accepting a child with exceptionalities into the program, the Centre assumes the parent will provide the necessary information and support for the child to reach his/her fullest potential in the program.

Volunteerism: Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. encourages parents to take part in our program by:

- Offering their special skills in a way that they feel is helpful. The Centre will put up notices or put requests in newsletters requesting help when it is needed.
- Joining us for special events or field trips.
- Bake with or for the children.
- Join our volunteer Board of Directors
- Joining our fundraising committee

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Once you have a child enrolled in the Centre, you become a member of the Lakewood Children's Centre organization.

As a member, you are required to attend our annual general meeting.

This meeting takes place once a year.

Board of Directors: A Board of Directors, consisting of parents and community members governs Lakewood Children's Centre Inc. Should you wish to become a member of the Board of Directors, please inform the Director. Becoming a Board Member requires a minimum commitment of one meeting per month for a one-year term, as well as some extra duties during daycares special events. You may also choose to volunteer your time on one of the Board's standing committees. Speak to either the Director or any Board Member for more information regarding either of these rewarding opportunities. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend board meetings.

Our organization cannot operate without an elected Board of Directors.

Goals for the Board of Directors:

- Board members attend a Child Care Centre Board of Directors Orientation or get the information from the childcare co-coordinator immediately following their election.
- Board members participate in workshops on board governance.
- Board members are familiar with Child Care Online at www.manitoba.ca/childcare and the information and applications available there, including The Roles, Responsibilities and Functions of a Board – A Board Development Guide, found under Publications and Information.
- Board members know about the Best Practices Licensing Manual for Early Learning and Child Care Centers, their Centre's bylaws and personnel policies, annual licensing checklists and comment sheets and the Manitoba Child Care Association's Code of Ethics.

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

Lakewood Children's Centre liaises with our community to support our children and families. We hold memberships in the St. James Neighborhood Resource Network, we meet regularly with Lakewood School and the St James-Assiniboia Divisional personnel and other organizations within our community.

Lakewood's Management Team is supportive of inclusion and is able to educate community members about the importance of inclusive childcare. Our goal is to maintain strong links with community programs to access services to assist us in meeting the needs of children and families using our services.

PROTOCOL FOR REGISTERING COMPLAINTS

Parents may from time to time disagree with our policies or behaviour management practices and wish to register a complaint. Protocol for this is

- Request for an appointment with the Executive Director to discuss the nature of the complaint.
- Agreement on a method of either compromise or correction.
- Review of results with the Executive Director at a mutually agreed upon time.
- If after this process the parent is still dissatisfied, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors should be contacted.

Please do not discuss concerns in the presence of children. Parents who use abusive language or are in any way abusive to the staff or children will be asked to remove their children from the Centre immediately.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the policies detailed in the preceding pages, please contact the Executive Director at:

Phone 204-832-5802, Fax 204-896-7980, E mail ExecutiveDirector@lakewoodcc.ca

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