

## A brief summary of Sandbox Tech



This information is to help answer most of your questions regarding who we are at Sandbox Tech and our programs that we offer. Please take a few minutes to go over our materials carefully. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

We are a privately owned child care facility. Sandbox Tech Child Care has been caring for and teaching children since 1984, in both Caledon and in Dufferin County. Sandbox Tech started up in my home as a licensed child care centre. It was wonderful. After a few years the demand for us to grow became overwhelming. Families needed good quality child care. Care with a heart and understanding of young children. So we grew to help support the family needs in our community and surrounding areas.

We are licensed by the Ministry of Education and our standards meet and or exceed the provinces requirements. Wellington, Dufferin, Guelph, and Region of Peel health inspectors along with the Orangeville and Caledon, Fire departments inspect our child care and before and after school programs yearly. Upper Grand District School Board also has their inspectors drop by a few times each year, to inspect for health and safety. This is done routinely. All inspections are unannounced.

When hiring our staff, I look for happy, flexible staff that love working with children. Who are Registered Early Childhood Educators that will help bring a positive vibe, and a great rapport with all the children. Staff's personal experience, needs to have a positive outlook on life, a good sense of humor, they talk with the children not at the children, use their inside voices, are patient with a dash of hugs. Our staff enjoy working with children and are great team players.

We are all on a new journey. Child care is constantly changing. Emergent curriculum describes curriculum that develops from exploring what is relevant to the child/ren. What is interesting and meaningful to them. To build on the children's interests.

Learning is not always about ABC or 123. It's about sharing, and caring, getting along, using their words to encourage the children to share their interests, ask questions gee I wonder? Or what if and practice giving their ideas. Children learn through play and doing for themselves. As always we value the children's thoughts and questions. They are very competent, capable and curious thinkers and they belong in an environment that fosters this learning.

How Does Learning Happen? Sandbox Tech works together with the help of the children to build relationships with one another including our staff. Children are very creative and each day they have the opportunity to do just that. Lots of learning happens.

We have been learning about and practicing "pedagogical documentation" to engage with the Early Childhood Learning framework. This gives the child care staff the opportunity to reflect on different methods of developing a curriculum and implementing said curriculum. We are hoping that our "pedagogical documentation" serves as a source of continuing knowledge and inspiration.

Each supervisor has their degree and is a member of the Ontario College of Early Childhood Education. Additional staff are also registered members of the College of ECE'S. Some of our staff has equivalent training and years of experience. Our staffing is maintained according to the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 CCEYA.

All our staff have opportunities for learning by attending seminars, workshops, staff meetings and encouraged to continue to learn more about this field. (Registered Early Childhood Education) certificate (RECE) are renewed yearly along with ongoing standard first aid, Child C.P.R. /AEC

Our cook Kristina, RECE, has taken courses on the Canada's Food guide. Robin has taken a course in Good Nutrition from York University. Both ladies, RECE also work with our children. Robin is our Supervisor RECE, and both have taken the Dufferin Wellington Guelph Food Handling course this spring.

Any questions please feel free to discuss them with one of our supervisors.

**Our Island Lake Supervisor is Glenna, RECE, and she can be reached at 519-216-6144.**

**Our Montgomery location Supervisor is Robin, RECE, and our Assistant Supervisor is Carolyn, at 519-938-5566.**

**Our Extended Day/School Age Supervisor at our Montgomery location is Diana RECE, and she can be reached at 519-216-5144**

You can reach me, Deb at 519-938-5566.

Thanks for considering Sandbox Tech for your child and family's needs.



## Sandbox Tech Child Care

### Our Mission:

Is to provide high quality licensed child care for children, 18 months to 12 years of age in a safe, reliable, loving, respectful environment with wonderful learning opportunities. Each child develops at his/her own pace. Each child is unique. We are using "Emergent Curriculum" and "How does Learning Happen" where children learn through play, through wonder, asking questions, and doing for themselves. Children's interests are introduced and this may become the theme or topic which is directed by the children.

We hope to encourage our children to bring their ideas daily into our program. They will have the opportunity to listen, to create, to paint, to sing, to read, to play and explore our wonderful world daily.

### Less Stress:

Families need less stress in their lives and with our extended day/ before and after school children you just have to drop off and pick them up right in your child's program classroom at school.

Our **Island Lake P.S.** rooms are JK/SK in room 109 and our before and after school room is 121.

**Montgomery Village P.S.** rooms are JK/SK are in room 114 and our before and after school room is 108.

### Our Staff:

Our staff are Early Childhood Educator professionals, and registered with the college of ECE. A few has Directors Approval or equivalence from the Ministry. We use a "Team" approach with positive energy and attitude. We do our best to follow the interests of the children and adapt ourselves to what is happening or what the children are talking about.

Staff collaborate and support each other to foster open lines of communication. Staff "mini meetings", are ongoing, team planning, monthly staff meetings, workshops, observing and documentation of the children. My ladies are resourceful and caring. They receive annual performance evaluations.

Workshops to help support children's self-regulation along with positive role modeling and interactions with all the children is a must. Meeting with children's parents may be necessary. With everyone working together for the sake of the child helps especially if issues become disrespectful and aggressive in nature. Staff are train to deal with the growth, development, educating and behavioral management of young children. Caregivers are given opportunities to upgrade their education and /or training programs, workshops, through County of Dufferin, and Region of Peel and outside of our region ie Burlington.

All staff have their Standard First Aid, C.P.R./AEC, Child's First Aid, and a Vulnerable Police Record. These are kept up to date depending on the staffs time period.

Check ups need to be kept up to date as well as their Immunization.

Monitoring staff is done yearly and is ongoing. We have support through Dufferin County's Children's Services, Dufferin Child and Family Services, Dufferin Parent Support Group Network, Ontario Early Years, Public Health Unit, The College of Early Childhood Educators ( RECE), Town of Orangeville, Raising the Bar Dufferin our Quality Assurance Program.

Staffing levels are maintained with the requirements of the CCYA

Most importantly, we love working with the children!

### Our Cook:

We have 2 staff that have taken the Food Protection and Handling Course through the Wellington Dufferin Health Dept. and understands and follows the Canada Food Guide.

### Students/Volunteers:

We work together with students from colleges, and secondary schools. They do not count in child-teacher ratio. They require a vulnerable police record check, child first aid and CPR training. Must read and sign all our policies and procedures. They will be aware of allergies children or staff have an anaphylactic situation. Volunteers are under the direction of our classroom staff. They will have a REECE with them at all times.

### No Smoking:

Child care centres, in Ontario are obligated to abide by the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. The school boards are obligated to abide the Ontario Law. Ministry of Education. The Act states that all are "Smoke Free". There is a fine for anyone caught smoking on any school property of \$2,000.00. Please refrain from smoking in the parking lot, or on the playground and in the buildings owned by the school board.

### Parking:

When picking up or dropping off your child please use the parking lot to park your vehicle. Especially between the hours of 8:00 - 9:00 am. and 2:00- 6:00 pm. **SLOW DOWN** when entering and exiting our parking lot. This is a major safety concern. No one wants a tragedy!

**Pets:** Are welcome to visit. Must have up to date shots and the visit needs to be arranged ahead of time. Parents may need to stay. Small pets will need to have their cage with them.



**Electronic Devices:** Don't have your child bring cell phones, ipads, gaming devices etc. to Sandbox Tech or school. **These are not allowed.**

**Health and Safety:** Nutritious foods and beverages are provided at snack times and lunch for the full day children in our care.

Our health guidelines and emergency phone numbers are posted clearly throughout our centre.

The centre is cleaned and sanitized daily.

We have unannounced visits by our Dufferin Health Inspector and well as by our Ministry of Education. Health and safety is done internally and with the school board.

Private playground (with equipment that meets the Canadian Safety Standards)

Staff are trained yearly for CPR/AED/ First Aid through STS Group, Health and Safety Environment Injury Management. We are trained to use EPIPEN, both twin and single EPIPEN training.

Children have the opportunity to relax and enjoy their day. Flexibility is very important and is based on the needs of the children and age group.



### Behaviour Management:

Sandbox Tech has a Behaviour Management policy, which is posted in each of our rooms and on our parent board. Our policy has been discussed and signed yearly by all personnel and any students, teachers or volunteers. The policy outlines ways to handle situations through anticipation, problem solving and preventing the need for further interventions.

You will receive one in our handbook.



### Fire Drills:

They are practiced with the children and staff monthly. We have a written procedure for fire drills that have been approved by our local Fire Department. Each staff member reviews these yearly and on going. Fire drills are posted in each room and fire extinguishers are checked monthly by us and yearly by a third party. We review them with the Fire Dept. when asked.

### Tornado Drills/ Lock down:

These are practiced with the children 2 times a year. Sandbox Tech has a written procedure for tornado drills/lock down. Each staff member is familiar with this procedure and it is posted on our parent info board.

### Celebrations and Fun Wacky Special Events:

We invite children to some of these special events. This is introducing spark interests for the children to learn wonderful new ideas.

All birthday, New Years, Chinese's New Year, Literacy evening, Crazy Hat Day, day, parent evening, Valentine's Day, Easter, Spring planting, Mud Day, New life, wonderful world of colours. Graduation, Africa, Summer, Fall, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Crazy Hair Day, Thanksgiving, Winter, Christmas, Ramadan, Going Bananas Day, Crazy Hat Day, whatever the children show interest in and are curious about will be recognized and supported in our daily activities. Celebrations that the children and parents wish to share with us are also welcomed. The event/idea is always fun to learn something new as the children add to our programing their interests.



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### Physical Activities:

We support positive interactions with all our children. Providing both indoor and outdoor activities daily helps children to get exercise as well as active listening to staff and their peers as to what is happening and listening and sharing other people's thoughts and ideas. Though climbing, dancing, walks, peddling, pushing, jumping, soccer, baseball, scavenger hunts games, rolling, our indoor circuit, and our obstacle courses both inside and outside. This encourages all children no matter what age to show their feelings, expression, choice and self-care.

### Change your Information:

Please advise in writing or come into our office of any changes in your address, cell or home numbers. Also medical information needs to be current, anything that needs to be up dated along with any work changes. If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, you must call and let us know in advance or bring a note in the morning to inform your child's caregiver of the change. Your child will not be released to walk home or be picked up by someone else unless we have your permission.

### Accidents:

Accidents/incidents occur from time to time. Caregivers/teachers will complete an incident report. This information will be shared with the parents and a signature will be needed from you at pick up time. In case of a serious injury, parents will be notified immediately. You may be asked to come and pick up your child or meet us at the hospital.

### Parents and Grandparents Involvement:

We look forward to having parents and grandparents; participate in any of our programs. From storytelling, puppet shows, swimming, summer camp, joining the children in many activities, and share something special ie wood working, gardening, help on trips, special celebrations, and any ideas that they may have. A recent vulnerable police record check before hand is needed.

### Registration:

All forms must be filled in **completely before** your child starts. A copy of your child's immunization and health card is needed. Any allergies or special instructions (ie anaphylaxis) must be in writing and gone over with staff and our supervisor providing care for your child/ren.

Two weeks notice is needed when withdrawing your child.



### Subsidy:

Subsidy may be available to you. Contact the County of Dufferin to apply.

For more information about our program please call or visit our web site.


[www.sandboxtech.ca](http://www.sandboxtech.ca)





Welcome to Sandbox Tech Child Care. We hope that your child will have a happy, learning experience with us. We will do our best to help make your child comfortable. Our hours of operation are 7:00am-6:00pm, 5 days a week. Telephone number 519-938-5566 There is a registration fee of \$60.00 per family. (Non-refundable) Two week notice is required for withdrawing your child from our program. We are open 12 months a year, all P.A. days, and Spring Break, and summer months, are at our Montgomery location. We are closed for the following holidays.

### Sandbox Tech Child Care Holiday 2018- 2019

Labour Day	September 3, 2018 (stat day)
First day back	September 4, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	October 8 2018 (stat day)
Christmas Holidays	December 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 2018 (stats are 25, 26.)
New Years 2019	January 1, 2019 (stat day)
Family Day	February 18, 2019 (stat day)
Good Friday	April 19, 2019 (stat day)
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019 No charge staff P.D. day
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019 (stat day)
Canada Day 	July 1, 2019 (stat day)
Civic Holiday	August 5, 2019 (stat day)
Mandatory Closure	August 12-23, 2019 N/C for our closure Custodian cleaning (tentative)
First day Back	Sept. 3, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2019

You will pay for statutory holidays if it is a regular scheduled day for your child. There are no substitute days. There is a 50% charge for holidays that you may take throughout the year. Limited 2 weeks per 12 months. Any additional vacation time 100% of your fees will be required. If you don't need care for the summer months and wish your child's spot to be kept for the following September in our Nemo and Jiminy Cricket Room's, we will need Septembers payment up front by the end of June of that same year. This is required to reserve your child's spot, this fee is non-refundable.

You are responsible for all your child's day. Full day child care hours are between 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p. m.. Call us if you are going to be late. There is a \$10.00 late pick up charge for every 15 minutes late. Late pick up is upsetting to your child and makes it an extra-long day for them. Late fees are paid directly to staff waiting with your child, in cash, at the time of pick up. Children must be picked up by their parents or the designated adult. Children will **NOT** be released to anyone who is not on the registration form. **We ask you to call us and confirm who is picking up your children regardless.** Your designated adult who is picking up will need to provide identification so we can be sure we release your child to the correct person. Morning and afternoon snacks and lunches will be served daily, and are listed in our entrance, As well as in your child's classroom and in our kitchen. If

you wish to have a copy please ask. When it is your child's birthday, if you like you may supply a **nut free** birthday cake, cup cakes, or think outside of the box, why not ice cream (Chapman's), popsicles or fruit tray, **again nut free**. Your child's birthday is a special day and we will celebrate it in the morning at first snack.



**We are NUT AWARE! No nuts, tree nuts products etc. are to be brought into our building. If your child has had peanut butter or granola before coming into Sandbox Tech, please wash hands, face and brush their teeth before entering our building. Those simple steps will be lifesaving. Thank you**

As you have just read, lunches and snacks are provided for our child care children daily, but if you have a fussy-eater and **lunch becomes a problem**, you will be asked to provide a nutritious lunch for your child and this will be at your cost.



Our snacks and lunches are nutritious and follow Canada's Food Guide and are approved by our health department.

**No toleration for "bad" language, disrespect or unacceptable behaviour. Bullying is not tolerated.**

We are a subsidized centre. If you need this service please call The County of Dufferin and ask to speak with Chelsea or Aimee. (519) 941-6991

Please provide easy running shoes or slippers for indoor footwear. These must be worn at all times and kept in your child's cubby. **THIS IS A FIRE AND LICENSE REGULATION.** Fire drills are done monthly.

Outdoor play is scheduled every day. Please have your child dressed appropriately for the weather. If it's cold outside we most likely are going outside. Rain, bring on the raincoats and boots. It's fun out there :). Please label all your child's clothing, and sippy cups. (Nemo Room).

All our toddlers will need at least 3 sets of clothing to change them into. We will need disposable diapers, pull ups and wipes with your child's name on the packaging. Speak to your child's teacher/ caregiver regarding this.

Our preschool room will need 1 pair of clothes to change into if and when needed. If your preschool child is in "training" will need not 1 pair but 2 changes of clothes. Again label all. Thank you

E-Transfers are the only form of payment we except. Please remember to put your **child's name** in your e transfers. 12 months = 12 e Transfers. First or second week of the month is when payments are due. Do not use your maiden name as we don't have that information anywhere in our system. We want to credit the right account. Tax receipts will be issued before the end of February. **You are responsible to pay for ALL your scheduled days including sick days, statutory holiday. Non-payment of fees will result in your child being dismissed from our program.**

We love parents and grandparents involvement. Suggestions and ideas are welcome. Come in and read a story or make some play doh with the kids, or put on a puppet show. The children would love that. Please let staff or myself know if you have anything to share with the children.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child please set up a time during our hours to speak with me. Sandbox Tech Child Care Ltd. and or any of our staff, or students, are not liable for any accidents or injuries or not responsible for lost or broken property.






## Our Fees:

Full day child care 31 months and up in our Jiminy Cricket Room (space)	\$43.00
Full day Toddlers age 16 -31 months Nemo Room	\$47.00
Before School JK, SK up to age 12	\$10.00
After School JK. SK up to age 12	\$15.00
Before and After School JK, SK up to age 12 is	\$25.00
Full day for JK to 12 years must bring lunch and snacks hours 7 - 6	\$35.00

Sandbox Tech requires extended day and school age children to attend a minimum of 3 days a week. Once again we are a subsidized centre. Subsidy is through the County of Dufferin. 50% of your regular child care fee is to be paid, while your child is on vacation. 2 weeks per year.

**Pick up and drop off:** Please stay within your time frame for pick up and drop off. This is less confusing for your child. Please **park in the parking lot** provided for you when dropping off or picking up your child. **SLOW down in the parking lot. We don't need an accident to happen.**

**Reminders:** **LABEL** all clothing, shoes, boots, sweaters etc. All children need a spare set of clothes left at our centre. Toddlers need to have 3 sets of spare cloths. When an article of clothing is used please replace it the next day. This way the child stays clean, dry, and warm. (We hope)


School age children need clean indoor shoes left here labeled with your child's name on the zip bag and replace when used. 

**Winter wear:** Children need to have warm hats that cover their ears and mitts not the ones with fingers. Very frustrating for young children and staff. Thank you for your help.

Children too sick to participate fully in our program are too sick to attend preschool or child care. **Good rule of thumb:** would you like someone else's child (in the same condition) playing with your healthy child? I think not. A cold is fine, but **heavy green phlegm, bad cough or suspicious skin rash is NOT!** If your child has unexplained diarrhea, you will receive a phone call giving you heads up. If it continues you will need to pick up your child or make arrangements asap.. Tell us if your child is on any medications. We need to know this information. Thank you

Ask your caregiver what the children are interested in, in their classroom. This can change daily, weekly or monthly. Learning is ongoing. As it is related to their ideas, or theme, will help your child focus and learn more about it. No electronic games are to be brought in. No cell phones and no gum.

**If your child has a "HIGH RISK Allergy" please let us know. We need more information have an Anaphylactic form for you to complete before your child joins us. Once again we are "NUT AWARE".**

We look forward to having your child with us. I hope that your child will enjoy the many activities, and learning adventures as they ask their questions and explore our wonderful world together. 



Reminder: I cannot say this enough. LABEL all your children's clothing and non-scuff indoor footwear please:). Thank you for letting us share in the growth and development of your child.

Sincerely

519-938-5566

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The following outlines our policies regarding any weather or emergency closures.

### Inclement Weather Policy:

Sandbox Tech's weather procedures are in place for our children in our care.

This includes our toddlers, preschoolers, extended day and before and after programs.

Reminder we will be open at 7:am weather (roads permitting)

If the roads are not easy to travel on safely we will be open a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later. This is for safety reasons.

Best thing to do is call, until someone answers the phone.

Thank you for your understanding.

### No Hydro:

When opening staff arrive at our centre and it is cold and there is no hydro we will be closed for that day. The Parents will be notified when entering the building that we are closed due to the loss of hydro. If for some reason the hydro goes out during the day, parents are notified via our cell phones and asked to pick up their child. The centre/school get cold quickly. We will not have any running water. Children must be picked up. A.S.A.P..

There is no charge for hydro interruptions for that day.

Never drop your child off and have them walk into any of our programs on their own. You never know what could be going on.

### High Winds      Tornado Watch

Extremely high winds mean we will not adventure outside at that time.

Supervisor and or director will make the call.

**Tornado Drills are practiced twice a year.**

### KEEP YOUR EYE TO THE SKY

When winds die down outside play is suggested at that time.

The safety and well-being of our children must be ensured and during severe weather conditions, their safety is our primary concern.

If there is tornado concerns we need to gather the children's files and medications, if possible and be ready to move the children to our safe place.

### Away from outside doors and glass.

Nemo's go to the Nemo's washroom

Jiminy Cricket's to the Jiminy Cricket washroom

Extended Day children inside the school are to use the washroom or gym.

School age children the washrooms closest to their classroom.

### Monthly Fire Drills

Procedures are done monthly.

All children are expected to wear clean footwear at all times.

These drills are unannounced. We must evacuate the building.

This is for fire and other emergency situations that may arise.

Holidays:

Sandbox Tech is closed on all statutory holidays: They are as follows

New Year's Day  
Family Day  
Good Friday

Victoria Day  
Canada Day  
Civic Holiday  
Labour Day

Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day  
Boxing Day

Easter Monday, we are closed for our staff training. There is not charge for this day.

We are closed two weeks in the summer due to Upper Grand District School Boards shut down. Our centre has a deep clean at this time. Dates vary as we don't get confirmation of these dates until mid-February.

Our summer camps do not run inside the school the last two weeks before school starts. For Christmas break each year we do a survey asking parents if they need care. Please look out for the survey.

Summer Care for Our Toddlers and Pre-school children.



If you withdraw your child for the summer and wish to secure a space for the following September, re-registration will be required including the payment of \$50.00 registration fee. If you wish to alter your child's days of care for the summer months, we cannot guarantee you child's regular spots for the school year. This is depended upon space availability.

Please note: Changes to your child's schedule requires two weeks written notice. Two weeks' notice is needed when withdrawing your child as well.

Summer Camp Programs:

Sandbox Tech's summer camps fill up fast. When our survey comes out to you please complete the form and return it to us asap. Mark the days that you will need and return this form to your child/rens, JK/SK, school age caregiver. Once our camp programs are full they are full. First come first served.

## Illness Policy for Sandbox Tech Child Care

To deal effectively with an ill child, follow these guidelines:

- \* identify symptoms and communicate concerns with us as staff and as parents.

- \* Isolate children who may be infectious as best as we can.

We will record signs and symptoms.

- \* Parents will be called if child has a high fever, vomits, diarrhea more than twice, ear aches, headaches, pink eye, blisters (chicken pox) etc.

- \* Parents must pick up their child, or make arrangements for their child to be picked up, ie: child's emergency contact.

- \* We will follow parents' wishes as best as you can.

- \* We will ask parents to take their child to see a doctor if child has symptoms of an infectious illness or shows no improvement within 24 hours.

- \*Request a doctor's note, stating diagnosis and recommendations for the child's return to the centre if the illness is communicable.

- \*Record symptoms of ill health on the child's file if its ongoing.

- \*Report communicable disease to local health unit when appropriate.

Please let your caregiver know if your child is taking any medications, just in case there is a reaction, or mood changes, loose stools. Etc. This helps us understand what the problem might be. If your child is not well contact us? This helps us do our job by keeping our children healthy, centre clean and able to inform other parents of any contagious illness. Everyone likes a heads up!

**Fever:** A fever is defined as an axilla/armpit temperature of 38 degrees c or 101 degrees or higher. Parents should be contacted if the child has a fever of 101 or more.

**High fevers:** Parents will be called and asked to pick up your child when they have a high fever. Some parents give their child some Advil or Children's Tylenol before coming to care. This usually lasts 3 to 4 hours. Then it wears off. Your child feels awful and you will need to come and pick up your child. A day at home is the best thing for your child and just might do the trick for your child's speedy recovery and to keep it from spreading to others.

If a child comes down with a fever while in our care parents are notified and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible.

**Asthma:** If your child has asthma we need you to fill out a form. Puffers will be given as directed on the puffer, blue and orange containers.

**Bites:** Human bites must to be washed with soap and cool water. Cold compress is applied. We will document and have parents sign our form. Parents may receive a call, Serious occurrences are to be recorded if the child is involved with a third party. Ie Doctor, Hospital.

### **Diarrhea, gastroenteritis**

Child needs to be excluded until the child is symptom-free for 48 hours after completion of medical help, ie antibiotic therapy.

**Group A Streptococcus** Children are at highest risk of infection within 2 weeks of having chicken pox. Can have toxic shock, fever dizziness and tummy pain. Child will need to see the Dr. for an antibiotic. Child will need to be excluded from care for at least 48 hours of taking the antibiotic. This will depend on the child recovery. Each child is different.

**Head Lice:** Children are to be excluded from our program.

Parents are to have their child/ren picked up a s a p.

Before returning to Sandbox Tech children **MUST** be treated, as well as the child's cloths, hats, coats, etc. are washed. If lice returns after treatment, you will be asked to remove your child and



re treat. Before returning to us you need to have your child checked and cleared by either your doctor/nurse. Your local health department can also be helpful. Child needs to be clear. WE ALL THANK YOU.

All nymphs (baby lice) must be removed. Eggs that have been washed in the Lice treatment product should not hatch. If they do you will need to start all over again.

IF your child or a member of your family gets lice please let us know.

Tree Tea oil does NOT work. This is not a treatment. See your Doctor for help.

**Hand -foot and mouth disease.** Treatment needs to be completed before returning.

**Heavy Colds and Bad Coughs:** We ask that you keep your child at home for at least 24 hours. This will help your child rest and hopefully stop the spread in our centre.

If your child has a green runny nose with heavy green discharge and a cough but no fever, you will be asked to pick your child up. Good rule of thumb is would you like your healthy child sitting with a child that is sick?

**Hepatitis A and B virus** Child is excluded for 1 week after onset of the illness (unless all other children and staff have received preventive treatment.)

**Fifth disease:** Children may attend child care if the child is feeling well enough to take part in all our activities.

**Impetigo:** Child will not be able to return until there are on an appropriate antibiotic for at least 24 - 48 hours.

**Chicken Pox:** Your child/ren are to stay home until the spots are crusted over. This normally takes 3-5 days. The only way to stop the spread of this virus from person to person is to prevent infected people from sharing the same room, gym, dance or house. We ask parents to keep their child home until the pox is crusting over. Then the child can return but the pox need to be covered up.

**Measles:** This doesn't happen often. That said child cannot return to child/care until at least 4 days after onset of rash. Non-immune children and staff must be excluded for 2 weeks after the onset of rash.

**Meningitis bacterial or enterovirus: Bacterial** ~ Child must stay home for at least 48 hours of appropriate antibiotic therapy. Child needs to feel better and be able to follow our daily program.

**Enterovirus** can stay in the child's saliva for a few days but can remain in the child's stool for 4 weeks after onset of illness. Child may need to stay home longer than 48 hours.

**Mumps:** If your child has mumps, he/she are not to return to Sandbox Tech until at least 9 days after the swollen glands first appear. If the case is mild and if feeling well enough to take part in the activities the time could be shorter. Tell staff if your child or someone in your family has Mumps.

**Pertussis (whooping cough)** Cough can last up to 4 or 5 weeks. Child is excluded until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment received. This is serious in young children.

**Pink Eye:** If your child had pink eye (yellow pus) or discharge he/she is not to return to our facility until after taking an antibiotic from your doctor for at least 24 - 48 hours. Very contagious!

**Pinworm:** If your child has ringworm/pinworm/, he/she should NOT return to our child care centre until 24 hours after treatment has started.

**Ringworm:** Is transmissible as long as rash is untreated and uncovered. Child will be removed from our centre until the first treatment has been applied.

**Rosella:** Your child may continue attending if your child is feeling well enough to take part in all our activities. If your child has Rosella please make sure you tell us. (Not very Infectious).

**Rubella (German Measles)** If your child has rubella/he/she is not to return until at least 6 days after the rash first appears.

**Scabies:** Child cannot return to the centre until 24 hours after the first treatment has been applied.

**Common Sense:** We ask parents to use common sense. We ask parents to keep children home when they are sick.

We ask parents to tell us if their child is on any medications or the counter or on any antibiotics. Parents please let your caregiver know if your child is taking any medications, just in case there is a reaction, or mood changes, loose stools. Etc. This helps us understand what the problem might be. If your child is not well, contact your doctor, find out what your child has, ears, throat etc. Please notify us with the outcome.

Our staff get sick from the children that are sick. Staff need to stay home as well. If we have too many staff away we will need to close that room because of staff shortage due to illness. So please be honest with us as this affects everyone not just your child.

This helps us with our job by keeping our Centre, safe, clean and able to inform other parents of any contagious illness. Everyone likes a heads up!

#### Tip for parents:

When your child is ill and needs a prescription filled. Ask your pharmacist to divide the prescription into two bottles instead of just one.

That way both bottles will have the same information on it and you can leave one at Sandbox Tech with all the info that we need to administer the medication to your child on it. Then you leave the other one at home. That way you don't forget it here at the end of the day and your child misses the last dose of the day. It just makes life simpler for you.

Any over the counter drugs like Advil, Children's Tylenol, homeopathy etc. will need to be accompanied with the original date of purchase before we can administer this to your child. So remember to keep the receipt.

There's no place like home when you're not feeling well.



## Sandbox Tech's Behaviour Management Policy



Revised October 2016

It is the policy of Sandbox Tech Child Care to use Behaviour Management techniques which will ensure the development growth and safety of all the children. The aim of behaviour management is a conscious effort to guide the children in learning appropriate behaviour. A high quality program which teaches the children to interactive with close at hand guidance to help the children learn to use their words and to help them understand social skills as they develop and grow. Having a developmental program that meets the needs of each child should by and large eliminate inappropriate behaviour.

### A. PERMITTED METHODS OF DISCIPLINE

Methods of discipline used here at Sandbox Tech, are in graduated steps and are used to best suit the individual situation involving the child. The behaviour management techniques listed below must be implemented with consistency to ensure the children's safety while respecting each child's individuality.

- a) **Resolve/Reason**: By using a **calm and gentle voice**, explain in simple language the inappropriateness of the behaviour displayed, to the child.
- b) **Redirect**: If the behaviour continues, the staff shall redirect the child to a alternative activity.
- c) **Positive Reinforcement**: Is an effective behaviour management approach which uses praise as the technique to ensure safe and acceptable behaviour.
- d) **Remove**: If the behaviour continues, the child may be removed from the situation for a short supervised period. As soon as the child and staff think that the child is ready to return, he/she will re-join the children. If the child begins to use unacceptable behaviour again, the staff will remove the child from the situation once again and maybe follow the caregiver around by her side for a certain period of time. Child/children, may be placed near the other children so as that child can watch and see how to play and interact, to manage etc. in a nice manner. If this doesn't work that child can sit quietly in the room. Staff can offer a book, puzzle etc. again watching other children, play and make right choices. This is for a short period of time. This time may be increased if the behaviour continues. The parents of the child/children will be told of the event if it continues. Have a meeting with child's parents to work out a plan of action and dig deeper into the situation. Working together is always good. Maybe DCAFS gets involved to access the child, the family and us.
- e) **Natural Consequences**: Is explaining to the child or children that for every action there is a reaction. Children have choices to make and are to learn to make the right choice. We hope that the child will learn this by having the consequences fit the crime. i.e.: If a child is continually throwing the blocks the child **will not** play with that activity for a period of time.

### B. Prohibited Methods of Discipline

This **does not permit** the following forms of discipline:

1. **Corporal punishment**:
  - a) Striking a child, directly or with any physical object,
  - b) Shaking, shoving spanking or other forms of aggressive physical contact;
  - c) Requiring or forcing a child to repeat physical movement's example: giving the child allotted time to do push-ups, or stand in a corner.

2. Using verbally harsh, humiliating, belittling, screaming, threatening the child and degrading tones/or words of any form.
3. Deprivation of a child's basic needs including food, shelter, clothing or bedding.
4. Lock or permit to be locked for the purpose of confining of a child, the exits of the child care centre,(unless the child is a runner) Bolt lock can be used on our front door.
5. Use a locked or lock able room or structure to confine a child who has been withdrawn from the other children. (Plastic door knobs on classroom doors.)
6. Depriving a child of basic needs including food, drink, shelter, sleep, toilet use, Clothing or bedding.
7. Inflicting any bodily harm on children including making children eat or drink against their will.
8. Children are not to be in a time out chair. Unless in extreme circumstances and for the child's or children's safety.

## II. **Contravention of Behaviour Management Practices**

A. If any contravention of the above mentioned prohibited methods of discipline are observed and/or reported the staff member(s) and any person providing care to the children of will receive disciplinary action up to and including immediate dismissal.

B. 1. It is the staff member's responsibility to adhere to Sandbox Tech's Child Care's Behaviour Management and Policies and Procedures.

2. The Behaviour Management Policies and Procedures will be reviewed with each staff member before they begin their employment and yearly after that as well as any person who will be providing care to the children at Sandbox Tech Child Care.

If any observations or reports of any contravention to Sandbox Tech's Behaviour Management Policies and Procedures occur this will result in the following:

**Verbal Warning:** A discussion between the director and staff involved will take place. A notation of the verbal warning is documented in the staff's personal file.

**Written Warning:** A discussion between director and staff involved will take place concerning the second contravention. Documentation of the written warning will be signed by the staff member(s) acknowledging receipt of the document and then fill in the staff's personal file.

If a third contravention occurs the staff member(s) will be notified as soon as possible of their dismissal.

**DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED AS OUTLINED IN ARTICLE 12\***

Disciplinary procedures will be followed: up to and including dismissal, if the following occur:



1. Lack of supervision, diversion of attention for frequent or extended periods of time, leaving the children unattended at all:
2. Lack of supervision, in which the result is a lost or missing child.
3. The use of inappropriate language in or around the children.
4. Not following our programs policies and procedures.
5. Lack of being a positive team player.

It is Sandbox Tech Child Care's policy that each staff member and any person providing care to the children has read, and fully understands Sandbox Tech's Child Care's Behaviour Management Policies and Procedures. You will in true agree to abide by its practices and guidelines. It is understood that failure to do so can result in dismissal.

### MONITORING OF BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

According to the CCEYA it is a requirement to monitor Behaviour Management practices of each staff member(s) and any person providing care to the children at Sandbox Tech Child Care. Monitoring Behaviour Management practices are done on a daily basis by each staff member as a team. Any incident observed and/or reported will be discussed with the staff member(s) in question as soon as possible and documented.

The Management of Sandbox Tech will be responsible for ensuring that all staff and any person providing care to the children of the centre, comply with the Behaviour Management Policies and Procedures. Management will be able to accomplish this on an ongoing basis by spending time working with staff in the classroom. Monitoring behaviour management practices will be reviewed with each staff member by management or supervisor once a year and on going if and when need be. The review session will take place in a private area at that time.

Or when no one is around in a quite space when time permits.

No smoking in or on the property, or on trips with children of Sandbox Tech.

No profanity is ever to be used in or on the property, or on trips with the children.

Words like stupid, shut up, sh sh sh , my god, idiot, dummy are not to be used. Very degrading to anyone.

Sandbox Tech has updated the Behaviour Management and Policy and Procedure as of October 2016 for the Ministry of Education.

Reminder no personnel information is given out. Each person's info is private and confidential. This includes all the children information as well as our staff.

This has been reviewed with me and I have read and understand the Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures. [Behaviour Management areas of Focus Review Form after working here for approximately 4 month probation period if need be](#)

## Sandbox Tech Child Care Sanitary Practices

Children are encouraged to wash their own face and hands with a washcloth/paper towel. Help the children wash up when needed. Children are to be kept clean and not walking around with dirty faces, or going outside as such.

Laundry: After wash cloths and sheets, have been used they go into the laundry bin. Wash your hands with warm soapy water. Dry your hands after. Wash your hands after you have helped the children in the washroom. Use paper towel to shut off the taps. Wash your hands before handling food, and drinks. Remember not to touch your clothing or hair after washing to prepare food and drinks.

Washrooms: Check washrooms and wipe down, toilet leavers, and toilet seats. Check after snack, lunch or naptime - outside time daily. The washroom floor will need to be mopped from accidents the children may have. Stools are to be picked up off the floor at the end of each day. Stools need to be washed in the classroom sink weekly.

Chairs: are to be stacked up on the tables at the end of our day. Not before 5:30. Keep clean.

Dispose of diapers: Pull ups,/ diapers go in a plastic bag, tie it up and place it in the garbage in the washroom. If really smelly take that one diaper and place it in the dumpster.

Nemo Room Change table to be disinfected after each child has been changed. White cloth's to be used FOR UNDER EACH CHILD when using the change table.

All children wash their hands in the washroom sink under running water, before snack and lunch. Children must wash their hands after using the washroom, in the washroom using soap and under running water. NO toys in the washrooms.

The children are to wash their hands in the classroom sink, after painting, making a craft, petting/ holding any animals( if animals come in for a visit they need to be under 1 year and up to date with their vaccines), blowing their nose, sneezed, or coughed. If the washroom sinks have a line up, remember to use your classroom sink. Staff will need to help. If you fill your classroom sink, make sure the water is cleaned often.

Equipment and Furnishings: Wash and disinfect all toys weekly. Nemo and Jiminy Crickets rooms daily, on going. (Dishwasher might be of help). Leave a little note to remind the custodian that we need paper towels, soap and toilet paper before they run out. A note can be on a paper towel and left on the floor of your room.

Wipe tables, counters etc, before preparing or serving foods using the spray bottle with Javex and water. Wipe table before breakfast, which is over at 8 a.m.. Or snacks, lunch or any food preparation. Wipe down chairs and shelves weekly. Clean the chairs often. Clean cutlery tray monthly. Fridge/stove daily. (As needed.)

When not using the dishwasher. Use hot soapy water for the dishes, then rinse/rinse again in the 3rd sink with Javex water. ( 8 cap fulls of Javex in the last rinse water). Air dry dishes, before putting them away. (Or use a towel that **you** took out of the drawer and dry them.)

**End of day:** wash draining boards, cutting boards, with Javex, and hot soapy water, rinse with water, air dry. Then put away. All kitchen sinks (4 of them) need cleaning with comet at the end of each day. No Food left out. Left over lunches/snacks stored in fridge or disposed.

Floors are to be mopped and vacuumed daily by custodians. We do the sweeping. On going.

Clean: spills, sick etc. as soon as possible.

Windows are to be cleaned often by our custodians.

Empty garbage, is to be done daily by the custodians.

Custodians, dispose of plastic recycling weekly.

Clean sinks and counter tops near the end of the day.

Water sitting in any sinks or water play table over night.

When closing make sure all footwear is up and off the floor.

I have read and understand our Sanitary Practices  
To be signed by all staff, volunteers, students yearly.

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## Conflict Resolution Policy

With the change of the serious occurrence changes the Ministry of Education is no longer requiring licensees to report any complaints unless they pertain to serious occurrence.

Effective August 29, 2016, the Ministry of Education will require licensees to have a conflict resolution policy in place to support open discussions between licensed child care providers and parents through a fair and transparent process. This new requirement is intended to set out clear and consistent standards for licensed child care providers to ensure issues and concerns are addressed in a timely and transparent manner. This is not intended to replace requirements ministry processes related to reporting serious occurrences, but rather support communication and positive relationships between licensees and parents.

So our open door policy is welcome for all parents, staff, children and anyone from the public who is welcome to come in. If any person has any concerns of a child's safety or has witnessed something that may be inappropriate they are always welcome to come in and disclose any information they feel. Once a complaint has been made Sandbox Tech Child Care will implement a course of action to prevent the incident from happening again. Whether it is speaking directly with the persons involved, having a written procedure put into place and followed.

Any concerns can be directed to our director and or supervisor, and will be kept confidential if the person chooses so.

# Parent Issues and Concerns Policy and Procedures

Name of Child Care Centre: Sandbox Tech Child Care

Date Policy and Procedures Established: September 1, 2017

Date Policy and Procedures Updated: October 10, 2017

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent process for parents/guardians, the child care licensee and staff to use when parents/guardians bring forward issues/concerns.

## Definitions

**Licensee:** The individual or agency licensed by the Ministry of Education responsible for the operation and management of each child care centre it operates (i.e. the operator).

**Supervisor:** The Supervisor is responsible for overseeing program planning, working effectively with staff, working with families and children, connecting with the community, mentoring students and administrative responsibilities related to the day to day operation of the Child Care Centre.

**Staff:** Individual employed by the licensee (e.g. program room staff).

**Parent/Guardians:** the care givers of the child.

## Policy

### General

Parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in our child care centre and regularly discuss what their child(ren) are experiencing with our program. As supported by our program statement, we support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents/guardians, child care providers and staff, and foster the engagement of and ongoing communication with parents/guardians about the program and their children. Our staff are available to engage parents/guardians in conversations and support a positive experience during every interaction.

All issues and concerns raised by parents/guardians are taken seriously by the operator, supervisor and all staff involved at Sandbox Tech Child Care, and will be addressed. Every effort will be made to address and resolve issues and concerns to the satisfaction of all parties and as quickly as possible.

Issues/concerns may be brought forward verbally or in writing. Responses and outcomes will be provided verbally, or in writing upon request. The level of detail provided to the parent/guardian will respect and maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved.

An initial response to an issue or concern will be provided to parents/guardians within one week or 5 business day(s). The person who raised the issue/concern will be kept informed throughout the resolution process.

Investigations of issues and concerns will be fair, impartial and respectful to parties involved.

### Confidentiality

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

### **Conduct**

Our centre maintains high standards for positive interaction, communication and role-modelling for children. Harassment and discrimination will therefore not be tolerated from any party.

If at any point a parent/guardian, provider or staff feels uncomfortable, threatened, abused or belittled, they may immediately end the conversation and report the situation to the supervisor and/or licensee.

### **Concerns about the Suspected Abuse or Neglect of a child**

Everyone, including members of the public and professionals who work closely with children, is required by law to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect.

If a parent/guardian expresses concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, the parent will be advised to contact the [local Children's Aid Society](#) (CAS) directly.

Persons who become aware of such concerns are also responsible for reporting this information to CAS as per the "Duty to Report" requirement under the Child and Family Services Act.

For more information, visit <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/childrenciaid/reportingabuse/index.aspx>

## Procedures

Nature of Issue or Concern	Steps for Parent and/or Guardian to Report Issue/Concern:	Steps for Staff and/or Licensee in responding to issue/concern:
<p><b>Program Room-Related</b></p> <p>E.g: schedule, sleep arrangements, toilet training, indoor/outdoor program activities, feeding arrangements, etc.</p>	<p>Raise the issue or concern to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the classroom staff directly</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the supervisor or licensee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address the issue/concern at the time it is raised</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- arrange for a meeting with the parent/guardian within one week or 5 business days.</li> </ul> <p>Document the issues/concerns in detail. Documentation should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the date and time the issue/concern was received;</li> <li>- the name of the person who received the issue/concern;</li> <li>- the name of the person reporting the issue/concern;</li> <li>- the details of the issue/concern; and</li> <li>- any steps taken to resolve the issue/concern and/or information given to the parent/guardian regarding next steps or referral.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General, Centre- or Operations-Related</b></p> <p>E.g: child care fees, hours of operation, staffing, waiting lists, menus, etc.</p>	<p>Raise the issue or concern to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the supervisor or licensee.</li> </ul>	<p>Provide contact information for the appropriate person if the person being notified is unable to address the matter.</p> <p>Ensure the investigation of the issue/concern is initiated by the appropriate party within [insert number] business days or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Document reasons for delays in writing.</p> <p>Provide a resolution or outcome to the parent(s)/guardian(s) who raised the issue/concern.</p>
<p><b>Staff-, Duty parent-, Supervisor-, and/or Licensee-Related</b></p>	<p>Raise the issue or concern to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the individual directly</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the supervisor or licensee.</li> </ul> <p>All issues or concerns about the conduct of staff, duty parents, etc. that puts a child's health, safety and well-being at risk should be reported to the supervisor as soon as parents/guardians become aware of the situation.</p>	<p>Provide contact information for the appropriate person if the person being notified is unable to address the matter.</p> <p>Ensure the investigation of the issue/concern is initiated by the appropriate party within [insert number] business days or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Document reasons for delays in writing.</p> <p>Provide a resolution or outcome to the parent(s)/guardian(s) who raised the issue/concern.</p>
<p><b>Student- / Volunteer-Related</b></p>	<p>Raise the issue or concern to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the staff responsible for supervising the volunteer or student</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the supervisor and/or licensee.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>All issues or concerns about the conduct of students and/or volunteers that puts a child's health, safety and well-being at risk should be reported to the supervisor as soon as parents/guardians become aware of the situation.</p>	<p>Provide contact information for the appropriate person if the person being notified is unable to address the matter.</p> <p>Ensure the investigation of the issue/concern is initiated by the appropriate party within [insert number] business days or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Document reasons for delays in writing.</p> <p>Provide a resolution or outcome to the parent(s)/guardian(s) who raised the issue/concern.</p>

**Escalation of Issues or Concerns:** Where parents/guardians are not satisfied with the response or outcome of an issue or concern, they may escalate the issue or concern verbally or in writing to the operator or supervisor of Sandbox Tech Child Care.

Issues/concerns related to compliance with requirements set out in the Child Care and Early Years Act., 2014 and Ontario Regulation 137/15 should be reported to the Ministry of Education's Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch.

Issues/concerns may also be reported to other relevant regulatory bodies (e.g. local public health department, police department, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Labour, fire department, College of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario College of Teachers, College of Social Workers etc.) where appropriate.

**Contacts:**[Deborah Launspach - operator or Robin Cornelius - supervisor (519)938-5566,

Public Health 1-800-265-7293

Dufferin Child and Family Services (519) 941-1530

Orangeville Police Services - (519) 941-2522

Ministry of Education, Licensed Child Care Help Desk: 1-877-510-5333 or [childcare\\_ontario@ontario.ca](mailto:childcare_ontario@ontario.ca)

College of Early Childhood Educators - 1-888-961-8558

### **Regulatory Requirements: Ontario Regulation 137/15**

#### **Parent issues and concerns**

**45.1** Every licensee shall ensure that there are written policies and procedures that set out how parents' issues and concerns will be addressed, including details regarding,

- (a) the steps for parents to follow when they have an issue or concern to bring forward to the licensee;
- (b) the steps to be followed by a licensee and its employees in responding to an issue or concern brought forward by a parent; and
- (c) when an initial response to the issue or concern will be provided. O. Reg. 126/16, s. 31.

#### **Parent handbook**

**45.** (1) Every licensee shall have a parent handbook for each child care centre or home child care agency it operates which shall include,

- (a.2) a copy of the licensee's policies and procedures required under section 45.1 regarding how parents' issues and concerns will be addressed;

#### **Intent**

This provision is intended to provide licensees and parents with a clear and transparent procedure to follow when a parent has brought forward an issue or concern they wish to have addressed by the licensee.



# Emergency Management Statement

This is to inform all parents and families that in case there is ever an emergency at Sandbox Tech Child Care that we do have policies and procedures set out to keep your child(ren) safe at all times to the best of our abilities.

Our policy and procedures outline that no families will be contacted during an emergency UNTIL we are in our final destination of evacuation. We do not contact families until this time so that if we end up moving locations to further our safety parents do not have any wrong information. We also do this so we can let you know that we are safely at whichever location we are at and that you can come and pick your child up at that location when you can. Not to rush and to drive safely. Otherwise parents will panic and the last situation we need is panicked parents in a car accident coming to rush to pick up their child. If you hear of an emergency in the area you are welcome to contact the centre. IF we don't answer please know we have your child's interest and safety at heart and we will contact ASAP.

Thank you

If you have any questions please contact the office if you would like to review our policy and procedure of Emergency Management.



### Parental Consent for Photograph and Film

1. I hereby consent to have my child/ren photographed or filmed and used for the purpose of display and or public awareness of Sandbox Tech Child Care. (Local Paper)
2. From time to time we have students taking courses for their E. C. E. that may want a picture of your child for their studies. These photos will be used only for that student to share with their teacher dealing with their course of study. After the use of that picture all will be destroyed.  
All students will ask for your permission before hand.
3. I will be told of the use of any photographs. No monies have been promised to me or any members of my family for the release of any photos or filming of my child.

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Child's name in full	date	parent/guardian signature
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### No Cell phones, I pads or any other electronic devises

If your child must get ahold of a parent for an emergency situation our staff will be the one's calling. Extended day and before and after school room have their own cell phone. We have a many number and the schools also have a number if we need to be reached or message left.

### Parental Consent for Field Trips and Walking Trips around Our Centre and other Trips Outside of Town

I hereby give my consent to have my child/ren leave Sandbox Tech Child Care from time to time for an excursion to places of interest, planned as part of our program. Supervision will be provided by our staff.

Bus Trips: I will be informed in advance via newsletter, postings and verbally by staff of any trips, where bussing is needed plus, where and when my child will be going beforehand.  
These trips are posted on your child's classroom doorway.

School Age Children that misbehave on trips: disrespect, to property, persons involved with our children, our staff, the bus, the bus driver, regarding our trip will be sent home by taxi. The cost will for the taxi will be the parents responsibility.

A call to parents will be made letting them know about the situation. If the parent is close they may choose to pick up their child from trip location at that time.

Inside footwear Children need clean indoor footwear at all times. No winter boots in any classrooms.  
Outside footwear Needs to be closed toed if playing on any climbers.

West End location: Trip info will be posted on or door frames as well as our front door beforehand.

In the event of an accident or injury, Sandbox Tech Child Care Ltd. and all staff members are hereby released from any liability.

I have read and understand all the above.

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## Sandbox Tech Child Care's Before & After School & Extended Care Programs

Sandbox Tech Child Care is a licensed child care centre. We hope to help with your family's needs. Our Before school hours are 7:00 - 8:50 a.m. . After school hours are 3:10 - 6:00 p.m..

We offer Early Dismissal, P.A. Days, Spring Break and Summer Camp Programs at our West End Child Care Location. Please let us know if you need these services. If the need is there at Island Lake we could open these days at that location. 50% is required to keep your child's spot over the summer Our goal is to optimal development of the whole child. The child's interests: cognitive, social-emotional, problem solving, language/literacy, physical and to use their wonderful imagination though creatively and play.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR ALL YOUR CHILDRENS DAYS!!**



### Some activities:

Children are given a wide range of activities to choose from. This activities may be child directed

Problem solving

Puzzles and games.

Art centre (arts and crafts)

Music

Table for writing and language

Reading time

Social time

Table for play-doh/goop etc

Blocks and board games, Lego

Building, creating using good old mother nature. Using rocks, dirt, weeds, sticks. etc.

Some time for homework for the older children given from their school. Requested by parents.

Computer time if location has a computer.

We work together with the Alder Rec. Centre for swimming lessons. West End location

Hip Hop/Jazz Dance, Taekwondo might be an option.

(Extra changes will apply.) Payment goes to the proper organization.

Children have outdoor activities each day. Weather permitting

Use of playground equipment Must be passed by a 3 party safety approved company through the board.

Touch football soccer, four square

Nature walks, pond studies.

Scavenger hunts Geo caching

From time to time we may have Special visitors

Nutritional snacks daily to be provided by parents.

Children must be at least 4 J.K. and S.K., 5 years of age and not older then 12.

Spaces are limited.

All children must wear clean non-marking indoor running shoes, and are to be left in your child's space provided for him/her. Put your child's name of them.

**There will be zero tolerance for bad language, bullying and unacceptable behaviour. We must all foster respect for all, the children, the staff, the building and its property.**



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REMINDERS: For Extended Day and School Age families.

**Inside shoes:** Your child/ren need inside shoes/slippers that they are to keep here. This is a licensing regulation. Fire drills are done 10 months of the year. The ground is wet and cold. We want to keep their feet and floors dry.



Your child needs to bring in an extra pair of socks (in a Zip Lock Bag) with your child's name on it. That way they have dry feet. Label, Label Label everything!!!

When calling Sandbox Tech at Island Lake remembers we are not there between 8:50 am - 3:00 pm. Our Island Lake P. S. location is closed when the school is closed. Ie March Break, P. D. Days etc. Christmas and Summer Closures. But care is available at our Montgomery Village P. S. location. You will need to register them when signing the children up.



Leave a message or call the hours that we are open at this location for assistance.

**Glenna our supervisor, extended day program cell number is 519-216-6144**

**Karen school age cell number is 519-941-6926 for room 119.**

**Deb at Sandbox Tech at our Montgomery Village location 519-938-5566**

Call if you're going to be late.

Call us if your child has gone home with a friend: ie birthday party, sleep over.

Call us if you are not picking up your child. Let us know the name of the person picking up your child. Have that person picking up your child bring their ID with them.



We will not release your child with out your permission.

If your child is to **walking** home with a friend, we need to know this before hand and we need this in writing with the date, time, and your signature each time.



**Snacks:** Your child is to bring a nutritious snack/juice/milk with them each day.

Please add an end of the day snack for your child. It is a very long day for them.

And sometimes hungry children become stressed if they don't eat for long periods of time.

We have some suggestions on our board "Health Safe Snacks". Remember to label all your child's containers of food.

Please take a few mins to meet with your child/children's caregivers.

Any questions ask. Any problems please let us know and we will do our best to help you.

Reminders once again **NO NUT PRODUCTS!**

You are responsible for all your child's days, stat holidays.

Payments are through e-transfers. All payments are to be made at the beginning of each month. If this doesn't work for you please let me know. Please put your child's name and location on your email. This way your account will get credited accordingly. Sample: Memo on your email payment. Charlie Jones. B & A 21 days x \$25= 525.00 for Sept. IL for Island Lake or M V for Montgomery Village location.

**Mickey is our Security code for e transfers. Address is [deblaunspach@rogers.com](mailto:deblaunspach@rogers.com)**

If your email address has your maiden name on it. We do not have that information. Your account is under your child's last name. Always use the child's last name. That way we will be able to credit your account in a timely manner. Thank you for your co operation!

Cheers to another great year. Deb Launspach



# PACKING LUNCHES AND KEEPING THEM SAFE



Healthy Snacks | Safe Handling Practices | Canada's Food Guide

## Canada's Food Guide

The Canadian Food Guide has the following serving guidelines for a balanced diet for children aged 4-12

- 5 Servings of Vegetables and Fruit
- 4 Servings of grain products
- 2 Servings of milk and alternatives
- 1 Serving of meat and alternatives

## Smart Snacking Ideas

- Veggie Sticks
- Fruit
- Yogurt
- Dried Fruit
- Whole grain crackers
- Hard boiled eggs
- Cheese
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Hummus
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Popcorn

## Simple Lunch Ideas

- Pasta/rice/couscous
- tortillas or flatbread
- soup
- tuna or salmon wrap or with crackers
- Breakfast for lunch! simply put hot cereal with frozen berries in a thermos



Packing lunches for big school can be quite the task at times. Here are some quick tips and meal ideas that can save you some prep time and basic guidelines on keeping the wonderful lunches you prepare safe for your little treasures to enjoy :)

Young children are at an increased risk of food poisoning from harmful bacteria here are some tips to help keep everyone healthy:

✓ Perishable foods must be stored properly, if left at room temperature for more than 2 hours temps reach "danger zone" and bacteria multiply quickly

✓ Keep hot foods hotly using an insulated container. It's a good idea to let it sit with hot water for a few minutes before filling

✓ Use ice packs or frozen juice boxes/water bottles to keep food cool. You should use at least two ice sources

✓ Keep lunch refrigerated overnight

✓ Don't cross contaminate food in the kitchen

✓ Throw out any perishable food at the end of the day

✓ Clean bags thoroughly with soap and water nightly

**Label all containers with your child's name.**



Sandbox Tech Child Care Ltd.  
Students and Volunteer Policy

Good business practice is to give clear direction regarding the supervision of volunteers and placement students from with high school or college students.

\* all students and volunteers will be under direct supervision of an employee at all times.

\* behaviour management policies and procedures are reviewed with students and volunteers who have come to learn from our centre while providing quality care or guidance before working with the children.

\* criminal reference checks are needed for all volunteers and students working with our children before they work within the centre.

\* our anaphylaxis and emergency policies and procedures are reviewed by the students and volunteers who provide care to our children. This is done before providing care for our children and is done annually.

\*No child is supervised by any one person less than 18 years of age.

\* **ONLY employees will have direct unsupervised access to the children and their files.**

\* **students and volunteers are not to be left unsupervised with any of our children at any given time.**

\* **students and volunteers are to read our Serious Occurrence before working at Sandbox Tech Child Care.**

\* students and volunteers are expected to comply with the policies and procedures outlined at Sandbox Tech Child Care.

\* students and volunteers are not counted in the ratios of staff:child

\* students and volunteers will need to read our hand book before working at Sandbox Tech Child Care.

\* Students need to provide Sandbox Tech Child Care with a copy of their insurance

from their school before starting at Sandbox Tech Child Care.

\* our staff, students and volunteers will read and sign all policies, procedures and individualized plans annually and when needed after that.

\* Sandbox Tech Child Care's director, supervisors and all staff will encourage and educate all students and volunteers. Sandbox Tech Child Care will support both students and volunteers with knowledge and resources.

\* all students and volunteers will be expected to arrive on time, dressed appropriately, and ready to participate in all activities with the children and staff.



Signature

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# Wait List Policy

Sandbox Tech Child Care Ltd. will maintain a wait list for any children wishing to enrol at Sandbox Tech Child Care when there are currently no spaces available to the family. We do service families that are already enrolled in the centre first and then go to the waitlist. There has never been and never will be a fee to be on the wait list. The order of admission into the centre from the wait list is based on the family needs ( age group ), availability and they will be selected in an order of when the family was placed on the wait list. A phone call will be made to the family, if no answer then a message will be left with the information of availability and to please call back within a week to inform us whether or not they still require the care. A follow up phone call will be made within that week. The families will be given a grace period of 1.5 weeks before we contact the next on the wait list.

The wait list is kept in the kitchen at the centre it is available to the staff at all times. It is kept in a drawer so the contact information kept is in a safe and confidential place.

The wait list will be kept up to date, colour coded and easy for staff to be able to read and inform families that are inquiring what position they are on the wait list. If a family calls to inquire where on the list they are at the only information shared will be the number they are on the list and not who else is on the list.



## Links to our Community Supports

Alder Rec. Centre - Swimming Pool/Skating - [www.alderreccentre.ca](http://www.alderreccentre.ca)

Dufferin Child and Family Services - [www.dcafs.ca](http://www.dcafs.ca)

Directory of parenting service in Dufferin County - [www.dufferinfamilydirectory.org](http://www.dufferinfamilydirectory.org)

Dufferin Community Living for Preschool resource programs for children with special needs.

[www.communitylivingdufferin.ca](http://www.communitylivingdufferin.ca)

Orangeville Fire Department - [www.orangevillefiredept.ca](http://www.orangevillefiredept.ca)

Orangeville Public Library - [www.orangevillelibrary.ca](http://www.orangevillelibrary.ca)

Orangeville Police Department - [www.orangevilleca.orangevillepolice](http://www.orangevilleca.orangevillepolice)

Upper Grand District School Board - [www.ugdsb.on.ca](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca)

Wellington, Dufferin, Guelph Public Health - [www.wdgpulichealth.ca](http://www.wdgpulichealth.ca)



## Sandbox Tech Child Care Ltd. Program Statement

Sandbox Tech Child Care follows the Child Care and Early Years Act 2014. We meet the qualifications and requirements of ministry of Education. The Ontario Regulation 137/15 states that "46 1. Every licensee shall have a program statement that is consistent with the Minister's policy statement on programming and pedagogy issued under subsection 55 (3) of the Act and shall review the program statement at least annually for this purpose."

Our program allows for each child to grow and develop at their own pace. Following the child's lead and providing each child with materials needed for their explorations and curiosity. Allowing each child to see themselves as capable, competent, curious and rich in potential.

( Belonging, Engagement, Expression and Well-Being)

Our goals and implementations are as follows;

46 a) promotes the health, safety, nutrition and well-being of the children;

Goal: Our goal is to inform, educate, and encourage families about health, safety, nutrition and well-being

- \*we provide nutritional snacks and meals following Canada's Food Guide

- \*stay within ratio at all times

- \*we supervise the children at all times

- \*make sure that all the needs of the children are met i.e.: social, emotional, cognitive, physical, language, communication

- \*encouraging them to explore healthy options

- \*informing the children through play the importance of following rules to keep us all safe

- \*promote hand washing and cleanliness

b) support positive and responsive interactions among the children, parents, child care givers and staff;

Goal: Our goal is to create an environment that is positive with open communication.

- \*using positive words, encouraging conversations

- \*open communication with parents; newsletters, emails, open door policy

- \*providing a healthy child care environment

- \*positive role modelling for staff, children and parents

- \*following through with positive reinforcement

- \*encouraging children to include everyone as often as possible

- \*positive attitude to staff and children

- \*continue to grow as a whole between staff members and providing a positive attitude for the children

c) encourage the children to interact and communicate in a positive way and support their ability to self-regulate;

Goal: Our goal is to create positive and healthy relationships amongst the children.

\*have the children use their words with peers and then ask for help

\*praise child(ren) for their ability to self-regulate

\*positive attitude recognition

\*body break time ( visual chart to calm down and relax )

\*visual daily schedule

d) foster the children's exploration, play and inquiry;

Goal: our goal is to provide and support the children time as they need to further explore their interests.

\*child directed inquiries

\*provide provocations

\*researching and collaborating on inquiries

e) provide child initiated and adult-supported experiences;

Goal: Our goal is to help the child to extend on their own initiated activities.

\*independent art shelf

\*open ended activities and materials made available to explore and experiment daily

\*sensory materials

f) plan for and create positive learning environments and experiences in which each child's learning and development will be supported;

Goal: Our goal is to create healthy relationships and new learning experiences to help in the growth of each individual child.

\* age appropriate activities to foster success to the individual child and their skills

\* keep learning interesting by introducing different materials, keeping the child curious

\* sensory and adding materials and interests of the child(ren)

\* using positive language; encouragement and engaging

g) incorporate indoor and outdoor play as well as active play, rest, and quiet time, into the day, and give consideration to the individual needs of the children receiving care;

Goal: our goal is to meet the need of the whole child indoors and outdoors

Indoor:

\*circle time, story, songs, games, music books, table activities, inclement weather circuit, sleep, quiet book on bed when not resting, quiet table activities for when the other children are sleeping and those who are not can play at tables

Outdoor:

gross motor skills; riding bikes, climbing, running, jumping, hula hoops, walking buckets, playing in sandbox, hand and eye coordination shovels pails, bubbles, blocks, chalk and added toys as needed depending on interest and children's needs

h) foster the engagement of and ongoing communication with parents about the program and their child(ren);

Goal: Our goal is to create open relationships with families so they feel comfortable to speak to any of our staff

- \* emails ( picture of child(ren) of doing daily activities)
- \* posters; for upcoming events ( PJ party, trips, parent night etc)
- \* bulletin board displays; observations, pictures, communication
- \* special events; language and literacy night, parents nights, art gala, graduation, teddy bears picnic, special visitors. The mentioned can happen during regular hours of operation and after hours as well.
- \* positive communication between staff and parent during drop off and pick up time
- \* Sandbox Tech Child Care's Facebook page.
- \* Hi Mama
- \* documentation will include Learning stories, hi mama and updated responsive plans and boards.

i) involve local community partners and allow these partners to support the children, their families and staff;

Goal: our goal is to support our community be being an active community member and to use our community resources when possible/needed.

- \* we visit, local establishments like; Downeys Farm, Twisters, Swimming at Alder Recreation Centre, Theatre, Vets, Police Department, Library, Fendley Park, Caledon East Park ( Teddy Bears Picnic), Science Centre, African Lion Safari, Humber College Students, we support The Terry Fox Run, World Vision, Jump Rope for Heart, Orangeville Food Bank, Head Waters Health Care Centre and Scholastic Book Club

j) support staff, home child care providers or others who interact with the children at a child care centre or home care premises in relation to continuous professional learning;

Goal: Our goal is to be continuous learners creating a better quality care environment.

- \* all staff attend workshops and seminars
- \* commitment to raising the bar
- \* webinars, articles, magazines, books
- \* Book Club
- \* research for topics that the children are interested in
- \* literature provided by 'The College of Early Childhood Educators'

k) document and review the impact of the strategies set out in clauses (a to j) on the children and their families;

Goal: Our goal is to review all of the above goals quarterly to make sure our goals are being met, if not how can we meet them.

- \* staff meetings
- \* team meetings
- \* notes taken ( observations, meeting minutes)
- \* photo/ documentations
- \* visuals posted for parents, children, other care givers to see
- \* program plans
- \* posted menus
- \* newsletters
- \* facebook/website [www.sandboxtech.ca](http://www.sandboxtech.ca)
- \* reminder notices
- \* parent nights
- \* Dufferin community living
- \* County of Dufferin