



The Cartwright School

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The Cartwright School Sick Child Policy

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All children entering The Cartwright School must be current on **all immunizations** unless there is a medical exemption (*documentation is required*). All children must have had a well-child check-up and a signed Health Statement from a licensed physician within six (6) months before enrolling in The Cartwright School. If a child is ill in any way, The Cartwright School **WILL NOT**, under any circumstances, be able to keep the child in attendance. We implement the sick policy for **EVERYONE's** health and safety. **The Cartwright School's policy is to notify parents immediately when a child becomes ill to arrange timely pick up for the child. After the parent notification of the illness, The Cartwright School will need the child to be picked up within two (2) hours.**

SICK/EXCLUSION POLICY

The Cartwright School follows the Minimum Standards (§746.3601) mandated by Child Care Licensing and the State of Texas. If a child becomes ill at home, please contact the school immediately. Should your child become sick at The Cartwright School, a TCS administrator will notify you and determine the best method to handle the situation, including exclusion from school. It is in everyone's best interest that an ill child stays at home. Suppose a child has any of the symptoms listed below. In that case, The Cartwright School will exclude the child until 24 hours AFTER the last incidence of fever, vomiting, or severe diarrhea or 24 FULL hours after medical treatment has begun as their physician prescribes. The symptoms include:

1. **Fever** – a tympanic (ear), axillary (armpit), or infrared temporal (forehead) temperature of 100° or higher
2. **Skin rash other than diaper rash or heat bumps** – the child will be excluded until a medical exam (written documentation from physician required) has indicated that it is not an infectious disease.
3. **Diarrhea** – increased number (at least 2) and lack of containment of the water content in stools within a diaper or underwear.
4. **Vomiting** – two (2) or more times on the same day

*A GOOD TIP FOR PARENTS: if you MUST give your child medication to relieve any of the symptoms mentioned above before you bring them to school, **PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!***

The Cartwright School strongly urges the parents to keep their child at home if under the weather. Minimum Standards (§746.3601) states that an ill child **CANNOT** be in care if it prevents the child from participating comfortably in normal daily activities (including outdoor play).

When your child is sent home for any of the reasons or suspicions listed below, you will need a **RETURN TO SCHOOL** form from your child's physician to return to school.

- Any Parasitic Infestation (lice, scabies, etc.)
- Any Other Communicable Disease (*tuberculosis, etc.*)
- Chicken Pox
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19/and other variants) – **Negative COVID test needed to return**



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- Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease
- Influenza (Flu)
- Strep Throat

The Cartwright School will not send a child home with a common cold unless accompanied by a fever or other symptoms. However, many times when children are ill, they may not exhibit classic signs of the illness (fever, vomiting, etc.) but are excessively fussy and require constant attention. While The Cartwright School staff provides as much attention as desired, if the child is ill and prevents the caregivers from sufficiently supervising the other children, the sick child must be picked up from school or remain home.

Also, please advise The Cartwright School whenever a member of your family has an illness so the staff can be alert and aware of the possibility of symptoms developing in the child or child's class. If a child is repeatedly sent to school while ill, The Cartwright School Director or Owner may terminate childcare services rendered to the family.

MEDICATIONS

If your child takes medication, please complete a Medication Form (front office). The Cartwright School **CANNOT** administer medication to **ANY** child without a completed and signed form. **All medication must remain in the original container and aptly labeled with the child's name, date of prescription, expiration date, and clear instructions for administration.** **No MEDICATION** should be left in a child's backpack or diaper bag **AT ANY TIME!**

A TCS administrator can give non-prescription medication to a child with a signed Medication Permission Form from the parents. Parents must note the name of the medication, dosage amount, duration, and method of administration specified on the manufacturer's label for the child's age and/or weight. The Cartwright School can dispense the following over-the-counter medications:

- Antihistamines
- Tylenol/Motrin
- Decongestants
- Anti-Itching Ointments/Lotions
- Diaper Ointments/Lotions
- Cough Suppressants (for children only)

TCS Staff may not administer non-prescription oral medications for more than five (5) consecutive days. No non-prescription ointments, creams, or lotions may be applied for more than seven (7) days when used for skin irritations.