

BEST PRACTISE – CHILD CARE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Background

These Best Practise procedures have been developed by school personnel, early childhood educators and child care community professionals to create an understanding regarding joint issues facing child care providers and the educational system when children require care during school hours. It is recognized that both systems have rules and guidelines that limit options for those involved. Child care facilities must comply with the provincial Community Care Facility Act: Child Care Licensing Regulations.

Procedures

It is recognized that there are reasons why a child cannot remain at school at some times such as communicable illness, or code of conduct issues.

1. School personnel are to encourage parents to have alternates other than the child care provider. (If parents intend to use the child care provider as an alternate, they must have previously discussed this plan with the child care provider). It is important to note that not all child care centres can take children during school hours due to staffing and licensing regulations.
2. If a child cannot remain at school it is understood that the school will make every attempt to contact the child's parent or guardian for direction. Child care providers take direction from the parent.
3. In the event that the parent, guardian or alternate is unavailable, and the child care provider is the only other option, the child care provider must be contacted to ensure that emergency care can be provided for each situation.

Reference: Section 65, 85, School Act
Community Care Facility Act

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