

Child Illness Policy
Palm Coast Christian Academy

Your child's health and safety is our first priority at Palm Coast Christian Academy. In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment and prevent the spread of illness, we have developed the following child illness policy.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they must stay at home. You can notify Palm Coast Christian Academy by calling 386-445-2344. Your child may not return to school until symptom free for at least 24 hours.

If your child becomes ill while at school, you will be contacted so that he/she can be picked up. They must stay home the following day. Your child may not return to school until symptom free for at least 24 hours.

Symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 F or greater
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Positive Covid, Flu, Strep or other communicable disease test
- Unexplained rash or hives
- Persistent cough
- Mucus - excessive and/or persistent from mouth, nose, eyes
- Ear drainage or severe ear ache, suspected ear infection or ear infection.
- Eye infection or suspected eye infection
- Difficulty breathing or wheezing
- Oozing sores or cuts
- Headache, moderate to severe
- Head lice, ringworm (until treated)
- Unexplained fatigue

Please sign & date indicating your understanding of this policy.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Biting Policy

PCCA recognized that it is not out of the ordinary for young children between the ages of 10 and 30 months of age to go through a period of biting. Biting occurs for a variety of reasons. Some of the most common reasons young children bite are due to: teething, a lack of ability to communicate, frustration, being overly tired or overly hungry, and/or a need for more attention. It is highly likely that all children between these age ranges will either bite or be bitten at some point (often more than once) while in the child care setting.

Our teachers and administration work closely and quickly to extinguish this undesirable behavior by the following these guidelines for children who have been identified as having a biting habit:

If a child bites two (2) times within a four (4) hour time frame, the parents will be called and required to remove the child from the center for a day.

If a child has been required to leave the facility for the aforementioned reason twice within a five (5) day period, a parent/ teacher/ director conference will be held. During this conference, a formal plan of action will be developed.

After the parent/ teacher/ director conference, if improvement is not seen, the parent will be required to temporarily withdraw the child from the center.

After a temporarily withdrawn child returns, if improvement is not seen, the child will be required to be taken out of our center permanently.

Please sign and return to the office

Childs name :

Parent Signature:

Potty Training

****Effective for the 2024-2025 school year and non-negotiable****

All children attending 2 year old Toddler classes and After Care must be fully potty trained before they may move or enter the 3 year old rooms. We do not have facilities or staff required to change children in those age groups.

Definition of "Fully Potty Trained"

A fully potty-trained child is a child who can do the following:

1. Be able to verbally TELL the adult they have to use the bathroom BEFORE they have to go.
2. Be able to pull down their underwear and pants and get them back up without or little assistance.
3. Be able to wipe his/herself after using the toilet without or little assistance.
4. Be able to get on and off the toilet by themselves (we have child height toilets).
5. Be able to wash and dry their hands.
6. Be able to postpone going if they must wait.
7. Wear cloth underwear: NO PULL-UPS OR DIAPERS ALLOWED in these age groups.
8. Can use the bathroom without a potty seat or chair.
9. Experience no more than two (2) incidents of soiling himself/herself per month, including nap time.

Accidents

We realize that accidents will happen. "Accidents" are unusual incidents and should only happen infrequently. Please provide a seasonally appropriate change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) in a Ziploc bag marked with the student's first and last name. If there is a wet accident, students will be given their change of clothes and any supplies necessary to clean him/herself. Wet clothes will be sent home at the end of the day. If there is more than a wet accident that requires cleaning beyond a change of clothes, parents will be notified. Our main priority is to keep your child safe and healthy.

Please indicate the level of assistance and supervision your child requires for bathroom visits:

- Full supervision and assistance _____
- Partial assistance _____ Please be specific
- Independent (prefers privacy) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Our goal is to ensure that your child receives the help they need while also respecting their privacy and independence. Thank you for providing this information.

Staff-to-child ratios: Florida regulations require that there must be a sufficient number of staff members present to ensure the health and safety of all children at all times, including during bathroom assistance. The specific ratios may vary depending on the age of the children in the program.

Supervision: Staff members must supervise children at all times while they are in the bathroom, both to ensure their safety and to prevent any potential incidents or accidents. This may include monitoring children closely, providing verbal guidance, and intervening if necessary.