

# Childminding Policies

Our Childminding program strives to offer a safe and secure place for your child to play with other children. We believe that children learn through active exploration and play and that self-esteem is built on mutual respect between both adults and children. In order to uphold these standards, we ask that you please adhere to the following procedures:

1. Please ensure that your child has been to the washroom or had a diaper change prior to leaving them in care. In the case that children soil their diaper while they are in the program. Parents will be contacted to change their child's diaper.
2. If your child is crying when you leave, please be prepared to check in a few minutes later to make sure that they have settled in happily. If a child cries continuously for more than 10 minutes, we will ask you to return to help stop the crying.
3. Please remain in the Esquimalt Recreation Centre building at all times while your child is in Childminding. Before leaving your child in program, inform the staff working where you will be (ex. fitness center) and confirm that they have your phone number in case they need to contact you.
4. Our age restrictions are 2 infants 3-17mo, to a maximum of 10 children up to 6yrs of age.
5. If your child is ill, please do not bring them to Child Minding. A child is ill if they have:
  - a fever of 101F/38°C or more
  - a contagious or infectious disease (eye/ear, cold, flu, chicken pox)
  - a noticeable nasal discharge of green or yellow mucus
  - an unidentified rash
  - diarrhea or vomiting
  - if the child has started antibiotics for less than 24 hours Children may return to Childminding when they are symptom free, or have been appropriately treated by a health care professional.
6. Altercations between children will be documented and subject to review. Such behaviour may result in more preventative measures, including suspending the child's access to Childminding until such behaviour has been amended.

If a child displays any of the illness symptoms as stated above or their behaviour causes repeated disruptions or bodily harm to other children, the parent/caregiver of the child will be contacted immediately and asked to remove the child from Childminding for a specified time.

Thank you for your cooperation!