



Rules and Policies

General: Our Kids Place reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any child who is unable to adjust to the Center's program. Our Kids Place may terminate this Enrollment Agreement at any time upon written notice.

Pick – Up: The parents/guardians whose names appear on the first page of the Enrollment Agreement acknowledge and understand that Our Kids Place MUST receive proper authorization to release a child to individuals NOT listed on the Enrollment Agreement. Impromptu pick authorizations will not be accepted over the telephone. A written document or email will be accepted.

Tuition: Tuition is due by the first of every month. A \$45.00 late fee is applicable after the fifth of the month. A \$75 late fee will be applied if the balance goes into a new month. **ABSOLUTELY NO PERSONAL CHECKS!** Registration fees are non-refundable. **We accept credit cards (with a 1% service fee) (Visa, Discover and MasterCard), cash or money orders.** Children attending the program for three or more weeks are required to pay the full monthly fee. Children attending the program three days, or more are required to pay the weekly fee. Students whose accounts are delinquent will have a hold placed on their account. This bars them from participating in any extra activities and receiving official school documents, etc.

The parents/guardians whose names appear on the first page the enrollment agreement acknowledge and agree that they shall be held liable for any and all costs incurred by Our Kids Place arising from or relating to the collection of Tuition, Late Fees and/ or Service Charges which are not paid as specified in this Enrollment Agreement.

Hours of Operation: Our Kids Place hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during September through June, and 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during July and August. Children left after hours will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per minute. We will be closed for certain holidays, staff development days, and possibly inclement weather. Please review this year's school calendar for such days. Any closings for inclement weather will be communicated through emails, Facebook, and our Remind 101 text messages.

Medical Forms: OCFS requires each child to have a completed medical form on file upon enrollment in school or daycare. This form must be updated yearly. Failure to comply will result in temporary suspension of your child until we receive an updated medical form. Please have your child's doctor fill out all medical forms and return them as promptly as possible to the school. All shots must be up to date. MAT forms and Individual Health Plans must be completed if the student has any health concerns and/ or medication.

Medicines/Illnesses: If sometime during the school year your child becomes ill, please consider the following points when determining whether your child should attend school.

You should not send your child to school if he/ she have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100 or more. Temperature should be normal for 24 hours before child returns to school.
- Severe coughing or trouble breathing
- Thick nasal discharge
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Unusual spots or rashes
- Infected skin patches
- Diarrhea or vomiting. Child must be well for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Sore throat or trouble swallowing

If your child develops any of the above symptoms while in school, we will contact you to pick up your child. Your child will **need to stay home for 24 hours** before returning to school. If your child is sick and cannot attend school, it will be important for you to consult with your doctor. **Please inform the school if the doctor makes a diagnosis or if your child is on any kind of medication. If your child is out for more than three consecutive days, you will need to provide a doctor's note before your child returns to school. Any child who suffers with seizures or any other serious health conditions should notify the director and teacher at the time of enrollment.**

In addition to the above, OCFS requires that you notify us within 24 hours of any absence due to: chicken pox, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, diphtheria, food poisoning, hepatitis, haemophilus influenza type B infection, impetigo, measles, meningitis (all types), meningococcal disease, methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, rubella (German measles), salmonella, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, or any other disease or condition which may be a danger to the health of other children. Such disease or condition shall not include acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection.

Medicine can be administered only with a written consent (MAT FORM) and approval by our Educational Director.

General Hygiene: Children's hygiene must be maintained prior to attending school on a daily basis (nails trimmed, and hair combed). Student hair must be pulled back and neatly styled. **ABSOLUTELY NO HAIR BEADS.**

Uniforms: Uniforms are a MUST four days a week. Each child should wear a light blue top and a dark blue bottom. Elastic waist pants are preferred. **NO BELTS PLEASE.** This is to allow your child to use the bathroom easily. Children two years of age are required to wear Velcro shoes. On your child's assigned gym days (Tuesday and Thursday), your child is considered prepared when they are equipped with an Our Kids Place sweat suit or Our Kids Place t-shirt (This can be purchased in the office) with sneakers. You are responsible for labeling all clothing, wipes, diapers, jackets, hats, etc. Students may dress down on Friday's. (Regular clothes)

Children should wear comfortable clothing that can be laundered. Our curriculum encourages learning through exploration. The children will be playing with messy materials such as paint, clay, and sand. Although we use smocks for every child, there are occasions when clothing may not be completely protected.

We encourage our children to put on and take off their own clothing. Self-esteem comes from a growing sense of accomplishment. Fancy buckles, snaps and buttons are difficult for little fingers to manage. Please help your child to succeed by dressing him/ her in clothing that he/ she will be able to put on and remove by him/ herself.

All blankets and outer clothing (such as coats, sweaters, hats, shoes, boots, etc.) must be marked with the child's name. (We have over 50 children enrolled, and they all wear similar sizes.)

Children should dress according to the weather. We go outside whenever the temperature is above 35° F and the weather is pleasant. During the summer, sunscreen can be administered only if the sunscreen form is filled out.

Communication: We have many different lines of communications we use in the event of an update or change in school activities, or in the case of an emergency, ex: school closings due to snow. The lines of communication are:

- Email- If you do not receive any emails at the moment, send an email to contact@ourkidsplacecares.com with your name and your child's name. We will add you to our email list.
- Remind 101- Remind 101 is a website that allows us to send messages directly to your phone via text message systems. You can sign up for Remind 101 by sending a text message to 81010 and enter @okph. Then follow the prompts.
- Facebook- @ourkidsplacehewlett
- Instagram- @ourkidsplaceh
- The school website under the 'Events' page.

Help us to keep you informed by using at least three of the five lines of communication that we offer. Using the email line is mandatory.

Jewelry/Toys/Personal Items: **NO** excessive jewelry, (hoops, large bracelets, chains, and rings) toys or personal objects are to be brought to school, unless for a designated purpose. **OKP is not responsible for any lost or broken jewelry, toys, or personal items. Students are not permitted to carry cell phones.**

Meals: Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends promptly at 8:30 a.m. If you wish for your children to have breakfast, **they must be here on time.** Lunch and snack are also served for each child. Providing your child does not have severe allergies, he/ she can participate in the food program. Parents must fill out the CACFP form to participate. Menus are posted in the lobby area of the school and on our Facebook page. If a child has severe allergies, you will be responsible to bring in all three meals for your child each day. You should also provide something non-perishable (so we can store it here) that

your child can eat in the event of a birthday party. (Ice pops are popular) Note, we are a nut-free school. Any other small foods that can potentially be a choking hazard are prohibited. (grapes, popcorn, baby carrots, etc.)

Birthdays Parties: If you wish to have a party for your child, please notify the office at least two weeks in advance. Parents are responsible to supply all food (cakes, chips, sodas, etc.) and party goods. All parents are required to assist staff members during their child's party, as well as with clean up. Parties typically take place during snack time (3:00 pm)

Parental Responsibilities:

- Parents should inform the teacher or director of events which may have happened at home that could excite or worry the child during the day, such as moving into a new home, a death in the family, absence of a parent, etc.
- **Parents must bring the child into the building and to the designated classroom. Children must NEVER be left unattended in the building. This includes walking to and from the classroom.**
- Parents must speak to the teacher to let him/ her know when they are taking a child from the classroom or playground. Each child must be signed out by a person authorized to pick up the child. Please use your first and last name when signing.
- **The name of the person picking your child up is recorded. Your child will not be released to anyone other than the persons you have on our list unless we have directions from you in writing to do so. Keep your pick-up list and emergency numbers up to date. If someone new is picking up, please send us a note/ email in writing and signed by you.**
- **Parents must notify the center immediately of any change of address, phone number or place of business. In the event of an emergency, we will need to contact you.**
- All parents/guardians agree that should their child or children be subject of an executed, court approved custody, separation or other form of legally enforceable agreement determining the custodial status of such child or children, MUST provide copies of all such agreements to Our Kids Place, and shall provide to Our Kids Place any and all changes, amendments and updates to such agreements.
- **Children must come to school with two complete sets of change of clothing (extra pants, shirt, underwear, socks, and sweater). Accidents happen. Please replace this spare clothing as needed. Please launder any center clothing that has been loaned to your child and return it promptly.**

Safety: Parents are responsible for their children's safety in the parking lot during pick-up and drop-off. When entering and exiting parking lot/ street in front school, vehicles should not exceed five miles per hour. **Do not block entrance to the parking lot or building with your vehicle.**

Staff: Our Kids Place Country Day is administered by a professional staff which includes: Executive Director, Educational Director, Office Administrators, Certified Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Office staff, and Maintenance staff.

Our Kids Place Country Day is licensed by the Office of Children and Families Services and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Our COVID-19 policies may override several of these policies as the pandemic continues to affect our community.