

# Parent Newsletter

JANUARY 2019

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Odyssey meeting is provider appreciation this month.
- Activity plan is on pets
- Closure Day January 1/19
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## Admin Notes

**Welcome January!!** We hope everyone is having a safe and fun winter. Please remember to bring boots, toques, gloves, snow pants, scarves, and warm coats. These are so important to allow for the outside time the children need everyday.

### Parent Handbooks

Parent Handbooks is available on the website. Please let us know if you

need a copy printed.

### Polices and Procedures

Our new list of policies and procedures will be available by end of January on the website. They can be printed from the website. There are a few new policies on the list Please let us know if you have any questions.

### Closure Days

There is a completed list

of closure days for 2019 on the website. They should also be posted in the providers homes by mid January.

### Field Trips

We would like to remind families they are welcome to speak to their provider about attending any field trips they would like to go on or visiting the day home to observe.

## Questions or Comments

We also encourage families to call or email the office with any questions or concerns they are having. We will do our best to answer all questions or explain any of our policies.

If there is a concern that needs to be discussed in office please feel free to make an appointment.

If a family has a concern regarding a sub provider please come to the agency

as opposed to your regular provider. This is important so we can discuss the concern and/or fix the concern. We are here to support the families and providers.

# Facebook Page and Surveys

## Facebook Page

On our Facebook page is another way we share current events, community events and happenings in the agency. Please like and follow our page for more information.

You can also leave a review on the page

with a rating and feedback. Go to Facebook and type in Odyssey Childcare Inc and we will come up. Hope to see you there.

## Surveys

We will be sending out surveys early in 2019. Please watch for them. They can be returned

to the office or your provider in a sealed envelop. Thanks for taking the time to fill them out.

We will also be trying to complete an online version and will send out links if this is available.



***If you call or email that you have read this newsletter your name will be put in a draw to have your January admin fee waived.***

## Illness

With flu season upon us just a quick reminder of the illness policy. If any of these symptoms are displayed a child must be picked up immediately from the day home.

A child vomiting, having a fever, diarrhea or a

new unexplained rash or cough.

2. A child requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program.

3. A child having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff knows or believes

may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.

## Provider Holiday Clause

As discussed in the December Newsletter there are changes being made to the holiday clauses with providers. We have come up with a general form that will take the place of all provider written clauses. They will be given to providers

to have current clients sign in mid January. Each provider will still have their specific clause just worked into our form.

Odyssey will no longer be billing for holidays clauses. Any booked subbing done through the office will need

to be paid in advance of the subbing to the current provider. If this changes we will let families know.

The full policy change will be in the new list of policies.



