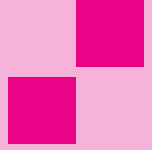


Our
Little Blessings
Day Care



School's Handbook



Foreword



Greetings and best wishes

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

It is a great honour to welcome your child to Our Little Blessings Day Care and Pre-School.

We bid a warm welcome back to our returning students, and a big hug to those now joining us.

We are excited about the start of a new school year, and look forward for the opportunity for sharing in support of your child's development.

Please take some time and peruse our handout.



Brief History

Little Blessings Day Care and Pre-School have been in existence for over 16 years. On 9th September 2018 the school change ownership.

With this we continue to provide the excellent service you have become accustomed to and bring additional creative ways of teaching and educating your child (ren).

Mission Statement

Providing, our little blessings with an opportunity to discover themselves through music, arts and nature in a safe and healthy environment with their peers.

Learning



The school believes in learning through fun in a natural environment. Our focus would be on developing motor, social and oral skills. Improving, understanding in language, colours, shapes, numbers and self-care. Developing basic courtesy and etiquette skills as well as an introduction into Spanish.

We integrate hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and creative projects that cater to different learning styles, ensuring that every child is engaged and excited about learning.

Through our balanced and dynamic curriculum, we aim to build a strong foundation that prepares children not only for their next steps in education but also for life beyond the classroom.

Activities include

Motor Skill Activities – At Our Little Blessings Day Care, we place a strong emphasis on developing both fine and gross motor skills through a variety of engaging activities. For fine motor skills, children participate in activities like drawing, coloring, and building with blocks, which help to strengthen their hand-eye coordination and dexterity.

We also offer

- Puzzles
- Play dough
- Tearing Paper
- Painting
- Colouring
- Chip Paper
- Clothespins
- Reading Books

School Policies



Child Abuse

Our Little Blessings Day and Pre-School promotes and operates in a safe, comfortable, and healthy environment, providing proper care for children. Our care service is against all forms of abuse: emotional, neglect, physical, and sexual abuse. As mandated by law we will report any such abuse or suspected case of abuse.

Parent-Teacher Meeting/Conference

Parent-Teacher meetings are held once a term with your child's Caregiver and School's Administrator.

Sharing of Food/Snacks

Birthdays or other special occasions which involve the sharing of food are prohibited. This is to avoid any form of allergic reaction. However, subject to parents' agreement, food/snacks shared would be given to the parents/guardians for them to decide whether the child should eat the same. The centre will not give children any food/snack that is not part of their lunch box.

Hours of School

7.15 am - 5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

7:15 am to 4:30 pm Fridays

Snacks & Lunch:

Children's lunch boxes should contain an adequate amount of food/snacks for the period that children are in care. Parents are encouraged to ensure that fruits, vegetables and protein are in the lunch boxes.

- The centre will provide drinking water which will be available all day.
- The school has a refrigerator and microwave to accommodate storage and reheating of food for the children.

Feeding Schedule:

9.30 to 11:30 am - Lunch

12:00 am - Tea

2:00 pm - Afternoon Snack

Adjustments would be made if your child is just starting and has a different schedule, or if your child missed breakfast or is ill.

Emergency Procedures for Fire and Health

■ Teachers are trained on what to do in the event of a fire. During an emergency or practice drill, the children and teachers will be required to assemble eastern side of the building (left on the entrance and right on the exit of the gate)

■ Each classroom is equipped with a fire extinguisher.

■ Our Little Blessings has an arrangement with Davis Memorial Hospital (with a resident paediatrician) to provide emergency health services in the event of any serious incident involving your child. In such cases, parents will immediately be notified first and a determination will be made whether or not to request emergency services from Davis Memorial Hospital. If the parent(s) cannot be reached, the child will be taken to Davis Memorial Hospital without delay. This will be based on payment of one off fee and signature of a consent form.

Health/Child's Data

■ Ensure your child is fully immunized.

Provide a copy of your child's Clinic Card for the school's records.

■ Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Toys and Electronic Devices:

- Children are allowed to bring one plastic or hard toy.
- Video games, CD players, Game Boys, etc are not allowed.

Clothing Items:

- Parents are required to send/bring a complete change of clothing for each child: pants/shorts, shirt, underwear/ pampers, and socks in a ziploc bag with the child's name on the outside.
- A cot sheet and pillow for nap time on the first day of the week. This will be sent home weekly for those children remaining in aftercare.
- Children are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes each day tennis shoes, sandals, Croc's etc.
- A flip is required to remain in school for your child to wear during school hours.
- Please provide a table towel for your child to use during snack time.
- Please label all personal items with your child's name.

Dress Code:

- Children are free to wear school uniform at any age but are required to wear from age 3 years old.
- Children from ages 1 to 2 are allowed to wear casual clothes.
- Stud earrings only. No hoops or dangle type earrings, bands, chains etc.

Guidelines for Discipline

- A privilege is taken away from the student.
- Sitting in a chair away from other children.

Illness:

- If your child becomes ill or injured during care we will notify you immediately. A child who has become sick will be separated from the other children while waiting for their parent. To attend school, your child must be well enough to function in a school/group setting.
- If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, he/she must be excluded from attendance:
 - Fever at or above 100°F within the past 24 hours, regardless of its cause.
 - Vomiting or has an upset stomach accompanied by diarrhoea.
 - Shows evidence of a communicable disease, such as chicken pox, strep throat or pink eye.
 - Has an undiagnosed rash.
 - Has been diagnosed with head lice.
 - Have discharge from eyes, ears, and/or a profuse nasal discharge.

Absence/Safety

- Please inform the centre if your child will be absent.
- Please ensure that you inform us if someone else will uplift your child, as we will only send your child with someone duly authorised by you.

General Start Dates of Each

September to December: Due 15th July

January to April: Due 15 th November

April to July: Due 15th February

Fees

Registration: G\$5,000.

Tuition (whole day): G\$83,000.

Tuition (morning only): G\$ 73,000

Tuition (afternoon only) G\$40,000.

Daily Rate G\$2500.00

Payment Methods:

Cheque payable: Our Little Blessings Day Care

Bank Transfer: Our Little Blessings Day Care

Account number: 000311705

Transit # 73015

Address: Bank of Nova Scotia, Robb Street

No Cash will be accepted

School Activities to plan for

■ Kite flying

■ Sports

■ Cultural day

■ Graduation

■ Christmas/Concert party



Contact Us

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