



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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As summer is winding down and coming to a close, we are all finding ourselves adjusting to our new routines. Some of us may be sending children off to school for the first time, or helping older children begin their journey another year and grade older. We hope all of our families had a wonderful summer, filled with opportunities to spend with family and loved ones.

The agency has been successfully implementing the proposed general agreement for a few months. Consensus has been that the changes are unanimously agreed upon and successfully integrated into our agency. Parents will be receiving a second addendum that will be attached to your October invoices. This addendum will outline changes to our late pick up policy and will be as follows: any late pickups are subject to an additional charge of \$5.00 (five) dollars per every fifteen (15) minutes late. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding this policy, we encourage you to reach out to us! As always, the policy will come into effect 30 days after notice has been given to all families.

We continue to use the ASQ tools within our day homes. Every family has received a link to complete an ASQ questionnaire via e-mail. This is a screening tool used to help your educator have specific details about your child's development; their strengths, interests, or anything that may need additional attention. Your educator can use this tool to implement play based programming catered to your child's needs and interests. We encourage all parents to fill out the online questionnaire. Without parent involvement, the tools cannot be used to their full potential. We would like to thank all of our parents who have completed the ASQ questionnaire thus far.

Our Educators continue to work hard to incorporate the Alberta Child care Accreditation Standards into their day homes. If you would like additional information on this, you can view the entire standards manual at <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/accreditation-standards.pdf>

As always, please ensure you are sending your child to their day home clean, fed, and with a change of clothes. Most of the learning experiences your child(ren) participate involve all five senses, which can sometimes result in a change of clothing required. In addition to the above, please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire each and every day they attend their program. This may include splash pants, rain coats, rain boots, or sneakers. Our educators strive to include outdoor programming every day (weather permitting) and it makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone when children come prepared.

We look forward to serving you during another great season!



Policy Input

We are asking for your input on policy number 13 of your general agreement under "Parent Responsibilities": 16. Parents agree to notify the Agency and Educator immediately of any change of name, address and phone number, medical condition or any other factor that may have a bearing on the child/ren's care. We would love to hear back from you if there are any question's, concerns or suggestions about these policies or any others. You can contact us at lisa@appleblossomdayhomes.com"

Please give us your opinion by: **calling the office, e-mailing us at www.appleblossomdayhomes.com, or mailing it to Box 20042 KPO, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8M4**

We appreciate the time you take to give us your input.



STAT Holidays

September 2nd, October 14th, November 11th, and December 25th & 26th are STAT holidays this season. Please note that any care used on the above dates may be charged at an additional rate of \$6.25 per hour.

Points of Interest

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