

Kids place 2 explore and learn LLC
1525 Wilbanks Lane Tracy CA 95376

Parent handbook

I _____ have read this agreement carefully and understand the policies and procedure of Kids
Parent/ Guardian name
Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC.

I have received a copy of the Parent Handbook.

Child/dren
Name: _____

Parent's
signature _____ Date: _____

Director
Signature _____ Date: _____

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Our Mission

Our mission is teaching through developmentally appropriate curriculum and practices with meaningful hands-on experiences and exploration of the child's interests. We provide opportunities for children to develop self-regulation, physical motor skills, and communication skills with plenty of room for arts and creativity. We strive to teach school readiness skills through fun and exciting ways. Activities include constructive play, circle time, group time, and outdoor time. Success can only be achieved through the involvement of parents and we actively seek parents' support. Our program includes a unique approachable center environment and staff that give that extra personal care and a family-like atmosphere. Let's make a difference that will last a life time!

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is to be active role models to the children; children learn by example. We believe that Positive reinforcement is important for children to develop positive self-esteem. We feel no child is too young to learn to share, take turns, and participate, as well as learn good manners. Children need an environment that supports free expression and stimulate learning in all areas. By maintaining curriculum actively engaging for the children's success we believe that everything can be taught during early childhood development.

Each child is unique and develops at their own pace. In order to respect those individual needs, we will place each child in the appropriate classroom based on the child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. It is our goal to make Kids place 2 Explore and Learn LLC a safe place for all children, regardless of ability, to be challenged and grow. We meet the child where they are developmentally. Classrooms will be assigned each August and the children will remain in their classroom for the entire year unless an unforeseen issue arises or in the case of the infant and toddler program, the child ages out of the classroom. We will also consider a move if the child is advanced and other unforeseen situation with the ultimate goal being the child's best interest.

Ages served

- Preschool Program: Ages 24months –Kindergarten
- School Age Program: Grades Kindergarten- 5th Grade.

Enrollment Procedures

- All paperwork must be completely filled out and turned in prior to first day of attendance.
- All children in care must be current on immunizations. Parents must provide current immunization records prior to first day of attendance.
- Enrollment fee must be paid prior to first day of attendance.
- One week deposit and first week's tuition must be paid prior to first day of attendance.
- Parent must attend orientation/meeting prior to first day of attendance. Orientation/meeting includes topics on schedule, tuition payment, and policies and procedures.
- Parent must sign up kinderlime app. It is our **#1 source of communication**
- Enroll on Auto pay using www.kidkare.com **#1 preferred form of payment** and best for accounting records

Arrival/Departure Times

We offer many programs with different schedules. Please follow your contracted schedule (refer to your admission agreement for specific hours) It is important for children to arrive and depart on time in order for the program to comply with licensing requirements. Difficulty in complying with the classroom schedule may result in a loss of placement. Parents are encouraged to discuss individual scheduling difficulties with program Director. All families must enter and exit at the front door only.

Children not picked up by closing

If a child is not picked up by closing time and the teacher has not been contacted, she will try to reach both parents, and then the other people on the emergency contact. As required by the State, if no one can be reached, the police will be contacted and the child will be reported as abandoned.

Sign-In/Out Procedures

An adult must always accompany a child into the Center and sign him/her into sign-in using the tablet and walked in the classroom. For licensing requirements, you must sign your full name (do not allow your child to sign themselves in and do not scribble). Children will not be released to anyone other than a parent or other person(s) designated in writing by the custodial parent(s) on the Emergency Information Sheet (Children will not be released to anyone under the age of 12). A verbal approval by parent may be accepted under emergency circumstance and a written permission must follow as soon as possible. Responsibility for your child is yours once you have signed him/her out at the end of a session. Children tend to become extremely excited when parents are present therefore, for the safety of your child and the safety of other children parents are asked to keep their child supervised during pickup time. Please do not allow your child to open the main door. **Certified custody orders** must be provided to the program Director prior to enrollment. Any changes in custody orders must be provided to the Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC immediately. A release form must be on file, specifying who is to drop-off and pick-up child(ren) each day. Photo ID's are required of all individuals not known to the staff. No child will be released to an individual not specified on this form by the custodial parent.

Releasing your Child

If a parent or adult appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the staff of Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC may request the parent or adult to contact someone else to transport the child safely. If the parent or adult refuses, Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC reserves the right to contact the local authorities with the name and license plate number of the impaired person.

Daily Schedule

All curricular areas are included in the daily/weekly plan: arts and creative expression, music and movement, nature and science, physical and outdoor activities, language and literature. Healthy snack/meals are served in all classrooms. Meals are served only to sessions during the serving times. Please refer to menu posted by sign in/out area. Each class session includes child-selected play time where children structure their own activity as well as teacher-directed times such as large and small groups. The program operates from 730am. to 530pm. We offer a variety of schedule/sessions. Minimum attendance for any child is two sessions per week, either two mornings or two afternoons (Preschool only). Parent must follow their contracted schedule as the program offers transitions and provides hourly drop-in care but most important the staff must always be within ratio safety and licensing regulations *Limited Spaces Available

Activity Schedule example

<i>Preschool Classroom #1,2,3</i>		<i>School Age Class #1</i>	
Free play	730am-8:30am	Free play	730am-8:30am
Breakfast	7a-8:30a	Breakfast	7a-8:30a
Circle time	9a-945a	Circle time	9a-10a
Group time	945a-10:30a	Am outdoor	10a-10:30a
Am snack	10:45a-11a	Am snack	10:45a-11a

Am outdoor	11a-12p	Group time	11a-12p
Lunch	12p- 1245p	Lunch	12p- 12:30p
Nap	1p-3p	Quiet activities	12:30p-2:15p
Pm snack	3p-3:15p	Pm outdoor	2:15p-3p
Pm outdoor	3:15p-4:30p	Pm snack	3p-3:15p
Free play	4:30p-530p	Free play	3:15p-530p

Separation

It's expected that young children may have a hard time separating from their parents (and vice-versa!). The staff is trained in making this transition as easy as possible for both the child and the parent. Parents are asked to say a prompt, friendly goodbye to establish and maintain a consistent "separation ritual" to help children make an easier separation. If you have any concerns about separation, please feel free to discuss them with your child's supervising teacher and/or the program Director.

Nap Time 1pm-3pm

If your child is attending full-time, he/she is required by State law to rest. Each child should bring crib sheet and a light/small blanket to rest on. Parents are required to take home the sleeping bag for laundering on the last day of attendance of each week and bring them back on the first day of attendance for each week.

NON- Napping Room /Afternoon preschool session

Was created for those children whose parent and teacher have decide they will no longer nap (this room may not be available all year it depends on enrollment).

Health & Safety

Ill Child Policy

•fever over 100° within the last 72hrs	•runny nose that is green or yellow (this usually indicates an infection)	•conjunctivitis (pink eye) •yellowish skin or eyes
•severe cold •severe cough •flu	•vomiting •diarrhea	•rapid or labored breathing
•any contagious illness of any sort that results in child being too ill to participate in daily activities.	•unusual rash, any open sores or wounds that are not bandaged or covered with a scab	•head lice

It is very important that sick children do not come to the program. The children use the same washroom and they often "mouth" the same toys. They are often very affectionate with each other and it is very difficult to keep a sick child from infecting everyone else. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC will not accept the child for care if any of these symptoms are present or have been present within the last 24 hours.

The child may return to program 72 hours after his or her temperature has returned to normal, 24 hours after the child is no longer vomiting, or 24 to 48 hours (depending on the illness) after the first dose of an antibiotic. If a child receives an antibiotic for an ear infection he or she may return to school immediately if he has been free of other symptoms mentioned for at least 24 hours. The supervising teacher may exclude any child who appears ill. Billing credit will be given only in cases of long-term illness. We would appreciate you calling the office when your child must stay home due to illness and advise us of any contagious condition.

It is parents' responsibility to find alternate care for your child when he/she is sick. Parent will be contacted to take your child home if he shows any signs of illness. First-aid will be administered for all minor injuries. If necessary, parents will be notified. 911 will be contacted if the injury is considered more than minor.

Daily Health/Development Check

Upon entering our center, our staff will make a “well child” check of each child. The child must be symptom free (see above Sick Child Policy) and be capable of participating in the day’s activities to remain within our program that day. It is our policy to take children outdoors on a daily basis (weather permitting).

Medication Policy

If your child is on medication that needs to be administered while he or she is at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC, the medicine must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name, the doctor's name, the name of medication, the dosage, the expiration date, and when the medicine is to be given. A Medication Permission form must be filled out and signed, giving Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC staff permission to give the medication to your child. Both the director and the child's teacher will be responsible for dispensing the medicine, and you must discuss any medications with the teacher and director directly, to make certain that there is no confusion about dispensing the medication. This is particularly true if your child has a substitute teacher for the day. Medication will be administered and logged (please check log regularly). All medication will be returned to the parent/ guardian. Staff will not be able to administer medications by needle or over the counter medications. Children are not allowed to self-medicate, and should not bring any medicines with them this includes lip balms and cough drops.

Immunization Requirements

As required by California State Law, every child in attendance at the center must submit a current written medical assessment, including an immunization history, within 30 days from initial enrollment and provide an updated record of immunizations throughout their time enrolled in the program. If a parent/ guardian fails to meet this requirement the child must be excluded from the program.

Exceptions to this policy are a physician notification that the child could not be administered an immunization for a specific reason and must state how long the exemption is valid.

Emergency Care Procedure

Teaching staff are trained in the usage of infant/pediatric CPR and first aid. Minor cuts and abrasions suffered while at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC will receive proper care. Incident will be logged in the injury log Parents are also required to log any and all injuries not occurred in the program. Please note that Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC are required to log any injuries observed on your child that may have occurred outside of the school. **If a medical emergency arises, a parent will be contacted before any emergency treatment takes place, unless doing so endangers the child's life.** In such a case, necessary steps will be taken, putting the child first (calling ambulance, hospital, doctor, poison control, and so forth). If a parent is unable to be reached, the other adults designated on the child's Emergency Information Card will be contacted. If a medical emergency happens off-site, these same procedures will be followed, except that we will transport the child to the nearest hospital. All expenses incurred by the emergency services will be fully the responsibility of the parents.

Toileting

Transition can be a challenge for some young children, and teachers will remind each child to use the toilet when necessary. Individual differences will be accounted for within this process. Some children may need more time than others to fully manage this transition. As accidents will happen, particularly in the first few weeks, please be sure to provide extra underwear and a change of clothes in your child's cubby. And remember to take your child's dirty clothes home. If your child is an Infant or Toddler, please make sure your child has plenty of diapers in his/her cubby since We do not provide diapers nor wipes. We will inform you when we are running low on supplies please bring diaper and wipe the next time your child comes to school. Pull-ups are difficult for changing, so please use regular diapers. Toilet training is a part of growing up. We will be happy to work with you and your child in this process. Before transitioning your child from diapers to underwear, please speak with your child's supervising teacher. **Toilet training requires the child to wear pull-ups at all time unless fully potty trained** (additional information will be provided for toilet training)

School Clothing (please label all belongings)

Please dress your child in play clothes in which he/she can feel free to get dirty, as we regularly engage in wet and messy activities. Backless or slick-soled shoes are inappropriate for school. It is a good idea to bring along a sweater or jacket on all but the hottest days. Our playground can be windy and cool, and part of each day will be spent outside. Also, please dress your child in clothes that are easy for him to manage. Remember to label all clothing with your child's name. Each child is assigned a personal cubby space for his/her use. Please bring an entire change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) for your child to keep in this cubby (and check regularly so replacements are on hand). If your child needs a change of clothes and none is found in the cubby, parents will be called and asked to bring a set.

Discipline & Limit setting

Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC program's approach to discipline and conflict resolution is grounded in a respect for children, the development of self-esteem and the building of problem-solving skills. Using affirming guidance and positive direction, teachers help children understand the limits of appropriate behavior in a classroom setting. Interventions are focused on helping children understand the consequences of their behavior, reminding them of acceptable alternatives (walk instead of run) and redirection. The goal is to help children build self-control and develop autonomy. Punitive disciplinary measures, such as scolding, corporal punishment are unacceptable and inappropriate. In solving interpersonal conflicts, Supervising Teachers guide children in recognizing each other's needs and point of view and in coming up with acceptable, workable ideas to solve the problem. The goal is to help children develop the skills to be successful social negotiators and to rely on non-violent means of resolving their conflicts. It is important to give children an opportunity to problem-solve on their own. By jumping in too soon with the solution, adults teach children to rely more on adult authority than their own resourcefulness in solving problems. As the program's goal is to promote the physical and emotional well being of each child in our program, situations consistently endangering a child or children will not be permitted. Children who consistently engage in such behaviors are subject to discontinued enrollment.

Biting policy

Biting is a natural developmental stage that many children go through. It is usually a temporary condition that is most common between thirteen and twenty-four months of age. The safety of the children at the center is our primary concern. The center's biting policy addresses the actions the staff will take if a biting incident occurs.

Toddlers bite other toddlers for many different reasons. A child might be teething or overly tired and frustrated. He or she might be experimenting or trying to get the attention of the teacher or his peers. Toddlers have poor verbal skills and are impulsive without a lot of self-control. Sometimes biting occurs for no apparent reason. The center will encourage the children to "use their words" if they become angry or frustrated. The staff members will maintain a close and constant supervision of the children at all times.

The following steps will be taken if a biting incident occurs at our center:

- The biting will be interrupted with a firm "No...we don't bite people!"
- Staff will stay calm and will not overreact.
- The bitten child will be comforted.
- Staff will remove the biter from the situation. The biter will be given something to do that is satisfying.
- The wound of the bitten child shall be assessed and cleansed with soap and water. If it is determined that there was a blood exposure further steps need to be taken.
- Parents and staff will create a plan to prevent child from continuing to bite and if the biting persist for an unreasonable period of time the child will be removed from the center.(please keep in mind the biting more likely will continue and we have to allow time for change)

- The parents of both children will be notified of the biting incident. Appropriate forms will be filled out (Incident Report). *Note: If a bite requires medical treatment, a copy of the incident report must be mailed to the licensing consultant within 7 calendar days. See Child Care Requirements Licensing Guidelines Section .0802 (d)*
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Food Policies

A nutritious snack is served during each class session. Parents desiring to bring a snack to celebrate a birthday are invited to do so items **MUST** be store bought. Please consult your child's classroom teacher for suggestions. Children not attending within the serving time for meals will not be served please, make sure to feed your child before bringing him/her to the program. Discuss serving times with teacher. Meals not served by the program must be consumed outside the premise. Please, do not bring child with a half eaten meal to finish in the program. Parent will be asked to take the food back with them. Licensing does not permit any sweeten drinks in the premise. Please do not bring any drinks. If your child has allergies parents must notify program director prior to first day of attendance and specify clearly what the child is allergic to and the affects the child shows in order to identify when the child is experiencing an allergic reaction.

Things to Bring and Not to Bring

Children are encouraged to bring "companion" items to school, such as a favorite stuffed animal or a favorite pillow for naptime. Please leave toys, books, etc. at home. In the past, we have found that most young children like to bring things from home but may not like other children to use them. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is considered a Kid Safe Zone, and as such, children should not bring any toys of destruction, which include toy guns or weapons of any sort, dangerous materials of any sort, fireworks of any sort, or drugs not prescribed for your child. Share Days may be scheduled periodically. On these days, toys and appropriate objects from home are welcome (your teacher will provide additional information).

Ointment and sunscreens

Ointments must be prescribed by a physician for regular use. Sunscreen will NOT provided nor administered, sunscreen must be applied prior to child's arrival.

Transportation (School age only Kinder through 6th grade)

As part of the program services, occasionally children will be transported to schools, parks and libraries, fieldtrips, and other destinations. Parents are informed (with this hand out) that there will be incidents where the children will have to go along on a car ride on errands such as picking up other children to and from school and as mentioned above .

Field Trips & Extra-Curricular (school age)

From time to time short unplanned fieldtrips will be scheduled for learning and fun (for example, a visit to the fire station, police station, or post office, pool, library, park) In addition to short fieldtrips, all-day fieldtrips during the year will be planned. Parents are notified one week in advance of any field trip, and the day before a reminder will be sent home. On most such trips, we will ask for Parent to chaperone. Most field trips incur an additional but reasonable surcharge, not paid by the program and no child is obligated to participate. Vehicles belonging to the program, a trusted volunteer (usually a parent) or the staff will be used to transport children to such fieldtrips. No notification for occasional Nature walks.

Holidays and Other Celebrations

The population at the Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is diverse and multicultural, bringing a wonderful richness to everyone's experiences. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is a place where adults and children from any background can feel comfortable, welcome and respected. Holidays from a variety of cultures are a valuable way of recognizing the similarities and uniqueness of different cultures, for example the use of food, dress, crafts and/or songs in the celebration, while also appreciating the diversity in the forms these aspects take.

Supervising Teachers are encouraged to solicit the help of the parents of the children in their class who are from different cultures and ask them to share information and resources about their culture's holidays and ideas for activities that would be appropriate for the children. Such information can be incorporated within the universal aspects of traditional American holidays.

Birthdays are very special events, which give children a sense of themselves as growing individuals. While birthday parties, with all of their accessories, are not appropriate at the Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC, acknowledging and celebrating a child's birthday are essential to promoting self-esteem. Parents may bring birthday snacks (store bought only).

Tuition procedures (Please see below pages 11-13 for details on tuition and fees)

Tuition is based upon a weekly and monthly rate. Families are billed at the beginning of each week/month. Tuition is not reduced for absences, holidays, vacation, or for other days program is closed. Invoices and receipts will be emailed. Tuition is due on the Monday and considered past due after the Tuesday of each week and late fees will be assessed. Make payment payable to Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn. Please retain the receipts for your records. Please Note: A late fee of \$10.00 will be applied to tuition paid after the Tuesday of each week additional \$10 for each day payment is late. If by Friday of that same week no payment is made children will be dropped from the program and a reinstatement of \$95 must be paid prior to child returning. No cancellation of fees will be made except in the case of long-term illness of the child. Parents must advise the program director, in writing, 3 weeks prior to dropping their child from the program, or tuition will continue until written notice is received. There are no substitutions or refunds for days missed

Parental Roles and Responsibilities

An orientation/enrollment meeting is scheduled with all parents upon enrollment, to give parents the opportunity to discuss with the director their child's developmental and physical needs. The director will share classroom and program procedures with the parent. Parents are welcome to observe our program, it is important to schedule a time with the teacher prior to. Supportive family relationships are essential to providing a good program for young children. Teachers are available for on-going communication with parents by using kinderlime as our #1 source of communication. Parents can also leave written notes, or emails. In addition, special conferences may be requested with teachers, teacher's assistants, and/or the director. We would appreciate if parents schedule time to volunteer on a regular basis. Brief visits tend to be disruptive to the child and the class. We also ask that if parents have concerns and would like to speak to any staff that parents schedule an appropriate time since it can be very challenging to carry a conversation during session hours. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC has an open-door policy while your child is in attendance. Parents wishing to socialize with other parents are requested to do so away from the classroom.

Show and Tell

If your child brings a toy for show and tell (currently on Fridays), please make sure it has no small parts that could come off and cause choking, and make sure that it is appropriate to the classroom setting (i.e., no weapons). All toys should be safe for children under three years of age. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is not responsible for toys from home that get broken or lost in the classroom. The responsibility remains with the parents and the child.

Computers

At Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC, we believe teachable moments arise from many different situations. We believe that computers, when used properly, can be a highly effective educational tool. Therefore, Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC does have a computer for special programs used in conjunction with educational themes

Program: Closure days

Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King' B-day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, Veterans day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas week –New years week, staff development day (parent will notified in advance of the dates)

If any of these holidays fall on Saturday, we will close on the Friday before. If the holiday falls on Sunday, we will close on the Monday after.

Each family is required to pay the weekly tuition fees, whether or not the child is in attendance. This includes all the days the program is not open (refer to list above).

NOTE: Christmas and New Year closure requires payment during any part of the year that you withdraw you child from the program, it is prorated base on weeks for attendance. For example if you child start July 1 and withdraw October 31st. fee owed would be 18 weeks. A worksheet will be provided per family since each family had a different enrollment schedule.

Trial Period

The first 2 week are on trial basis tuition for trail weeks are due and collected. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is sensitive to everyone's needs and understand that not all people are compatible with one another therefore, during the first two weeks there are NO 3 weeks advance notice required from neither parties parents and Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC . After the two week trial parents must give a 3 week written notice to the director prior to ending the contract. Without a notice the deposit will be used to cover the lack of notices and cannot be used toward the last week.

Discharge of center

If for some reason you decide to discontinue your child's relationship with Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC, requires a three-week written notice. This will give us time to fill your child's spot. Payment is due for the three-week notice period whether or not the child is brought to school. Any outstanding fees must be paid on or before the child's last day. If legal action to collect fees becomes necessary, the parent(s) will be responsible for legal fees incurred. Under most circumstance, if Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC feels it can no longer enroll your child, you will be given a two-week notice. However, if your child exhibits behaviors that endanger other children or staff, expulsion can be immediate. Examples of reasons for expulsion include (but are not limited to):

- 1.Failure of parent to pay tuition.
- 2.Failure of child to adjust to Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC after a reasonable amount of time.
- 3.Our inability to meet the child's needs without additional staff.
- 4.Failure to provide waiver documentation of state required immunizations.
- 5.Behavior (including biting) that endangers other children or staff.

Part-time Schedules At times Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC may accept unusually schedules to fill up an opening. If at any time part-time schedule conflicts with the needs of Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC we reserves the right to first offer families the option to change schedule to available opening and if the available schedule does not meet family's needs Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC may discharge the family in order to meet business needs.

Additional information

- Be advised that smoking is not permitted while children are in care.
- Parents to refrain from using inappropriate language in or around the facility.

Emergency preparedness

- Fire drills are conducted once a month and the children and staff gather outside in the parking lot (please always drive careful around the parking lot and do not be alarmed in the event we are conducting a drill during your visit)
- Utility interruptions/bomb and other threats: When power goes out the safety of the children is priority and if power will be out for longer than 1 hour (depending on the time of the day and the season) center will have to close and parents will be notified and required to pick up their child. Staff may call parents at any time to pick up their child if their ability to maintain the child's safety is in question

Emergency Evacuation Procedure:

- In the event of an emergency that requires us to evacuate the daycare, we will take our emergency kit and all the children to our emergency meeting place the **Tracy library**, located at **20 E Eaton Ave, Tracy, CA 95376**. (when transportations is not available we will walk over to the **fire station #96** located at **1525 Wilbanks Lane Tracy ca 95376**)
- Children will be transported in our company vehicles, staff vehicles and parent vehicles. **When possible we will leave a note at the door, send a message using Procure and call the parents.**

Mandate reporters of child abuse:

- All staff employed at Kids Place 2 Explore & Learn LLC are mandate reporters required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

Program fees

No business can run without funding, therefore the following policies have been developed to promote the high quality services, materials, supplies, and well-trained, educated staff at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC. Financial terms will be finalized upon parent signing the contract.

Enrollment Fee

In order to reserve a child care space in the program and to cover the cost of filling paperwork, a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$95.00 is due when you enroll your child. No child care spot will be reserved without an enrollment fee. Holding fees apply if you are requesting a holding period of more than one week. Tuition payments for the first week are due on the child's first day of attendance.

Deposit

One week's deposit is required with enrollment fee. Deposit may be credited toward last week's payment and/or will be used towards earned vacation time when providing a three week written notice prior to ending services with Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC. Example of earned vacation time: the deposit amount will be divided by 52 weeks, multiplied by the weeks care was provided to determine the amount due on the termination date. For additional details use the vacation worksheet provided in your contract form.

Holding Fee

When Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC agree to hold an opening we give up the right to fill that position and to receive tuition from that position. For this reason a non-refundable holding fee is required to hold an opening when a child's start date is more than one week after enrollment. This fee will be three-quarters of the regular weekly fee, and will be due on the Monday of each week that the opening is to be held, beginning on the date that the opening becomes available. If payment is not received by 5:30 on Monday, the opening will no longer be held and any fees or payments that have been made will be forfeited.

Tuition

Tuition payments are used to provide the highest possible quality of care and environment for your child. Tuition is based on the schedule recorded on the Parent Contract and is due on the morning of the first day of attendance each week. Payment is considered past due if not paid in full by 5:00 PM Monday of each week; at which time a \$10 late tuition fee will be charged daily until tuition and fees are paid. Late payment of tuition may cause child care services to be suspended without notice until full payment is received. Pre-paid fees including overpayments are non-refundable; it is your responsibility to ensure that the correct amount is paid. Tuition may be paid by check, money order, or in cash. You will receive a monthly statement recording your payments as well as any additional charges due or credit given. At least two weeks' notice will be given before a rate increase is put into effect.

Late Tuition Payment Fee

At Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC, child care services must be paid for in **advance** of receiving the services. Tuition is charged on a weekly basis, and is due on first day of each week. A late fee of \$10 will be charged if payment is not received by Monday of the week during which care is provided. \$10 Late Fee will be charged daily until the tuition is paid in full (if by Friday of that same week tuition is not paid in full services will be refused). Prompt payment of tuition is necessary to ensure that the program can continue to function.

Automatic tuition payment Program (ATP)

Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC offers an automatic tuition payment program to our parents WWW.Kidkare.com. This service provides for direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account to pay for your child care services. This easy and convenient program helps to avoid late fees and keeps your account in good standing. Any parent who carries a balance is required to be enrolled in our (ATP) payment program, or their child will be denied service until the bill is paid in full. Changes to (ATP) accounts are processed the month following the request. Change requests will be approved or denied based on the balance of the account.

Payment tuition Procedure

You may pay by cash, check, or automatic (ATP) deduction www.procare.com. If a payment is returned, you will be notified and assessed a \$45.00 returned check fee. Your child will be denied services until restitution is made. Each family is required to pay the weekly/monthly fee whether or not the child is in attendance. This includes holidays and all other days the school is not open. On certain holidays, when unusually low attendance is expected, attendance sheets will be posted. If attendance will be extremely low, Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC may opt to close the school. However, parents will still be responsible for tuition. This weekly fee ensures that the child's spot is held for him/her. Drop-in care (when available) will continue to be charged on a per use basis.

Sick Time Credit

No tuition credit will be offered for days that a child is sick. The program operates on a tight budget with expenses that occur whether or not an individual child is present. Therefore, we do not reduce the tuition for absences due to illness. There are no substitution for days missed.

Absences

There are no refunds or credits for absences such as vacations, sickness, mishaps and holidays. There are no substitutions for days missed.

Tuition Discount

When a family enrolls more than one child for full time care, the full fee will be charged for the youngest child and a 5% discount will be applied to the tuition of older siblings. The discount only applies to full time schedules.

Unemployment Abatement Program

In the event of a job loss, please contact the director. We feel very strongly that it is important to continue your child's education though these difficult circumstances. As such, Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC offers a Tuition Abatement Program for parents who have suffered a job loss (proof of unemployment must be provided in writing). Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC will provide a 15 percent discount for existing families only on your child's tuition for 2 months and benefits cannot extend.

Maternity Leave Abatement Program

Welcoming a new baby into your home is a very special time. It can be both joyous and stressful, especially if your maternity leave causes you to lose childcare subsidy benefits, or if your employer does not provide paid maternity leave. It is important for young children to be secure in their routines during this transition period. As such, Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC offers a Maternity Tuition Abatement Program for parents that are similar to our Unemployment Tuition Abatement program. The benefits we offer is 15 percent discount for existing families only on your child's tuition for up to six weeks. Its benefits cannot extend for more than six weeks.

Subsidy Programs

Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC welcomes subsidy program! In order for Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC to accept a family enrolled in a subsidy program a written contract issued by the contracting agency approving payment and schedule must be provided prior to child's first day of attendance. Co-payments are usually due when participating in subsidy program since the payment issued by the program do not cover the full amount due to Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC. Parents are responsible for co-payments and any amounts not paid by subsidy agency. Co-payment will be discussed in details with parents during enrollment.

There will be a reinstatement fee of \$45 per day full time or \$35 for part time if for any reason the subsidy program is discontinued or will not cover payment. Payment must be submitted immediately on the last day of care the subsidy program ends. For example; if the contract ends July 1st then payment is due the same day.

Overtime Fee/ Late Pick

It is vital that you follow your contracted schedule to maintain legal staff-child ratios as well as the quality of care you expect. Therefore an overtime fee will be charged if your child is dropped off or picked up more than 5 minutes outside of your contracted schedule or is on the premises before **7:30am** or after **5:30pm**. To comply with the center's closing time of **530pm**, please be sure your child is signed out before **530pm** and is off the premises immediately thereafter. The overtime child care fee will be \$2.00 per child per minute for each minute. Parents must notify when running late. Payment is due regardless of notification. **Late pick up fees apply to all schedules including half day programs and family in the subsidy program.**

Safe Arrival Fee

State regulations require that we ensure the safe arrival of children to the program each day. If a child does not arrive within 60 minutes of his/her scheduled time without notification that the child will be late or absent, we are required to contact the child's parents to determine the whereabouts of the child. A fee of \$5 per call will be charged for each occurrence. 10:30am is the cut off time for drop off \$2.00 per minute for late arrival past 10:30am

Withdrawal from Program

Withdrawing from the program requires a 1 month's written notice to the director (please request withdrawal form from director). No deposit credit will be returned in the event notice is less than 1 month's or no notice was given..

Tuition challenges

Please, notify the director of any problems with your ability to pay your bill. Families who carry a balance must enroll in our (ATP) automatic tuition payment program. All balances must be paid in full or services can be discontinued and legal proceedings can be commenced, at the discretion of the management.

Denial of Service

If an account becomes severely delinquent, or if a parent bounces a check or an (ATP) payment and does not make immediate restitution, the child can be placed in "Denial of Service," at the management's discretion. When service is denied, the child cannot attend class. However, the parent remains liable for service. The child will be denied service until the situation is adequately corrected, as determined by the management.

NSF Fee

The program needs to maintain an adequate cash flow in order to continue, therefore a fee of \$45.00 will be charged for any check returned due to non-sufficient funds (NSF). In addition to the NSF fee, parents are responsible for all charges assessed due to NSF checks. NSF checks will be re-deposited once and if returned a second time a cash or money order payment is required for replacement of the check. Because subsequent checks from the same account may be held by the bank, tuition payments must be paid in cash or money order for six weeks following a NSF check. If three separate checks are returned dues to NSF all subsequent tuition payments much be made in cash or money order.

Supply Fee

To help maintain a good stock of supplies for your child check cubby regularly and maintain a good amount of diapers, wipes, or any other consumable items. If your child runs out of any consumable item we may provide the item if available or we may call you to bring the item if necessary. If we provide the item a supply fee of \$2.00 per item will be charged your monthly statement. Payment of this additional charge is due with the next payment of weekly fees. We have a small supply of extra clothing in limited sizes in case of emergencies, if your child needs to borrow our extra clothing and it is not returned within one week a replacement fee of \$5.00 per item will be added to your monthly statement.

Days of non-operation

Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC is closed for the following paid holidays: Martin Luther King' B-day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, juneteeth, Columbus day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas eve –New years break.. When a holiday falls on a Saturday we will close the previous Friday, and when a holiday falls on a Sunday we will close the following Monday. Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC May also be closed for up to eight paid days each year for "Provider day off/Staff development", which is often used to obtain continuing education. Regular fee will be collected for non-operating days

Damage Fee

Although the materials, supplies and equipment at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC where chosen with durability in mind, misuse or misbehavior may cause permanent damage. Parents are responsible for any damage above and beyond normal wear and tear caused by your child while at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC.

Legal Fees

If it is necessary for Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC and a family to engage in legal action the family involved is responsible for all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees. Parents will be responsible for all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred in the collection of any

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fees due from their account and/or defending any lawsuit brought by the family in which Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC prevails. Such costs and expenses also include but are not limited to court costs, bank charges and substitute charges, i.e. the cost of substituting for our time or a substitute and/or additional staff time while taken away from duties at Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC