

Ladybug AdventureCentre Code of Conduct

Children enrolled in **Ladybug's** AdventureCentre program are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully. This **Code of Conduct** has been developed to ensure that all **Ladybug** students and their parents understand the Center's expectations. In order for your child to be enrolled, this contract must be signed by you, the parent, and returned with the other registration papers. Please take time to discuss the **Code of Conduct** with your child.

Treatment of Staff & Visitors

- Children are not allowed to be physically aggressive towards adults.
- Children are to use appropriate language – no swearing, use of sexual slang terms, or putting others down.

Treatment of Other Children

- All children's ideas are worthy of **respect**, even when individuals disagree. Teasing, name-calling, malicious exclusion of a child from activities, ridiculing, etc. are not permitted.
- Physical fighting is not allowed. Children are encouraged to use their words to settle disagreements, and staff members are available to help give ideas for negotiating differences. Fighting may result in suspension. Because they often lead to fighting, roughhousing and play wrestling are also discouraged.
- Sharing toys, games, and activities is encouraged, but not required. Children are not forced to share. Neither are children to assume that they are always welcome at another child's activity. Children are taught to approach another child and ask to join the activity. If the child gives the invitation to join, fine; if not, the asking child should respect the "no".

Treatment of Building & Furnishings

- There is no running inside the building, except during specified large-muscle activities. All children are responsible for moving their own bodies in a **safe** manner. That means each one moves slowly and carefully, avoids other children's activities areas, and keeps hands and feet to him/herself. All children are expected to stay in the classroom and/or playground with their teacher.
- Furnishings and materials are used for the purposes intended. Tables are for holding things, not people. Chairs are for sitting, not climbing, etc. It is expected that everyone use toys, games, and other materials carefully and respectfully. Materials are put in the appropriate place as each activity is finished. Each child is expected to put away his/her materials before leaving with a parent at the end of the day, and parents are expected to assist staff in enforcing this.
- Any child involved in the intentional destruction of a toy, game or other material or equipment is held responsible for repairing or replacing the damaged item.
- Bathrooms are used only as bathrooms, not as play areas.



Discipline & Guidance

-Discipline and **guidance** involve a variety of techniques. For more information, please refer to "Behavior Guidance" in the "**Parent Handbook**". Appropriate preschool discipline might include a take-5, a time-out, drawing a picture of an apology, housekeeping chores (without the use of chemicals), repair and/or replacement of intentionally – damaged materials, and notes sent home to parents.

-The following behaviors are considered serious infractions of this **Code of Conduct** and will result in parent-teacher conferences, telephone calls to parents, requests to remove the child temporarily (the child would need to be picked-up from the center within 30 minutes), and/or expulsion from the Center:

1. Hitting, pushing, or other intentional physical aggression towards center employees or visitors.
2. Leaving the classroom and/or playground without teacher permission.
3. Persistent aggression towards other children.
4. Persistent misuse and/or destruction of building, furnishings, toys, games, materials, or equipment.
5. Display of an "I-don't-care" or an "I-don't-have-to-do-anything-the teacher-tells-me" attitude.

*We recognize that each family has its own methods of discipline and definitions of acceptable behaviors. We want to work together with parents to help the children make the necessary adjustments to successfully cope with the expectations of a larger, more diversified group. Staff members work to preserve the rights of each child while **protecting** the rights of all of the children and adults in the program.*

If you have any questions about this agreement, please discuss them with your Center's Client Service Manager.

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Code of Conduct Agreement

(Please sign and return this portion with your registration papers.)

I understand these expectations and agree to behave according to them when I am attending **Ladybug's** AdventureCentre program.

Child's Name:

I/We have read and understand this **Code of Conduct**. We have also discussed these expectations with my/our child.

Parent's signature:
