

ABOUT US



First Steps Childcare Centre is a not-for-profit childcare centre dedicated to providing quality care to children from 2 months up to 12 years old. We want our childcare centre to be the best place for children when they cannot be with their parents.

We strive to reflect the high standards set by the Ministry of Education surpassing all requirements for our childcare facility.

Our goal is to provide children with an age-appropriate and supportive environment in which they can thrive, as well as a program that parents can trust.

Children are unique individuals, which is why our programs and curriculum are designed to meet the developmental needs of each child, encouraging individuality, creativity and self-confidence.

For over 25 years, First Steps Childcare has experienced growth, not just in terms of physical expansion, but also in terms of programs, experience and reputation.

WE WILL NOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD TO A STRANGER



- Parents must sign their child in and out of school everyday on the sign-in sheet provided.
- Because we share everything at school, we prefer no toys from home. This helps alleviate problems and hurt feelings.

BEACON HEIGHTS - BASE FEES

| AGE GROUP | FULL DAY | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|-------|--|
| INFANT | \$24.11 | | | |
| TODDLER | \$20.96 | | | |
| PRESCHOOL | \$19.11 | | | |
| KINDERGARTEN (UNDER 6 YEARS) | \$17.40 | | | |
| KINDERGARTEN (OVER 6 YEARS) | \$36.82 | | | |
| KINDERGARTEN | B/A SCHOOL | BEFORE | AFTER | |
| UNDER 6 YEARS | \$12 | \$10 | \$12 | |
| OVER 6 YEARS | \$21 | \$10 | \$13 | |

LATCHKEY (NON CWELLC) - BASE FEES

| | FULL DAY | | | |
|------------|------------|--------|-------|--|
| 6-12 YEARS | \$36.82 | | | |
| 6-12 YEARS | B/A SCHOOL | BEFORE | AFTER | |
| 6-12 YEARS | \$21 | \$10 | \$13 | |

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We would like to take this time to thank you for giving us the pleasure of taking care of your children. We want to hear your suggestions and comments. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the supervisor anytime.

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First Steps CHILD CARE CENTRE



Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Steps Childcare Centre. We have three locations: Essex, Tecumseh and Beacon Heights School (also in Tecumseh).

We have worked very hard to put together a wonderful stimulating program for each of our rooms and we hope you as parents will be actively involved in all areas of the program with your ideas and suggestions.

Our staff are carefully chosen to include a wide variety of loving, experienced, professional team members.

Our centre is licensed by the Ministry of Education and with their help we have surpassed all requirements regarding our buildings, the equipment, staff and overall childcare program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL HOURS



The centre is open Monday through Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM with the following exceptions: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day. We will also be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and the first week of July.

Your rate is based on your scheduled day upon registration. If your scheduled full day exceeds 11 hours, an additional \$4.00 fee will apply.

FEES



All fees are due the first of the month. Cheques may be payable to First Steps Childcare Centre. Fees should be enclosed in an envelope bearing your child's name and the date, then placed in the drop-off box. Payment can be made by debit, Visa/MasterCard, or online.

ILLNESS



If your child becomes sick while at school we will immediately contact you. In consideration of the other children and staff, we are sure that you will understand that it may be necessary for you to pick up your child or make arrangements for someone else to pick them up as soon as possible.

MEDICATION



We realize that some medication may be required during the day. In the event that your child requires medication it is important to remember that according to the Day Nurseries Act, a drug or medication is administered to a child only when a parent gives written authorization of the drug/medication, as well as the time the medication was last given and when it is scheduled to be given again with dosage information. The medication **MUST** be in its original container with your child's name, the dosage, the date, the name of the medication and instruction for storage.

MEALS



A menu will be posted in each of the rooms every week. Hot, nutritious lunches, as well as morning and afternoon snacks, will be provided.

SCHEDULE



Each room follows its own daily schedule. A schedule is posted in each room, outlining the times set aside for various activities, outdoor time, etc.

MORE INFORMATION



- All hats, mittens, boots, etc., should be labeled with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.
- Each child under the age of four will need a change of clothing to leave at the centre. Also, each child attending the school during sleep time will need to have their own blanket labeled with their name to leave on their cot.
- Staff will inform parents when diapers are running low for your infant or toddler. Please keep an adequate supply for your child at the centre.
- Two weeks notice is required for vacation time as well as termination of attendance.
- For your child's protection, please notify us if someone other than those familiar to us is to pick up the child. Photo ID is required.



 * PEANUT FREE CENTRE

