

Custody Policy

While it is preferable to avoid becoming involved in an access dispute, the protection and best interest of the child will always be our first priority. Access disputes between parents or other family members may be complicated by the fact that legal custody of the child has not yet been determined by a court or formal agreement such as a consent order.

The following guidelines will be applied when deciding whether or not to release the child:

- If you have any custody and access arrangements by way of consent or court order, we request a copy for your child's records, however it is not our responsibility to interpret, determine and enforce these orders.
- If the child's mother or father that is listed on the registration form and/or whom we have met comes to pick the child up, we will release the child to that parent. This will include anyone that is listed on the authorized pick up list on your child's registration form.
- If you have sole custody and can provide a document that clearly defines the non-custodial parent's access we will not release the child. Should the situation arise where the non-custodial parent comes to pick the child up, we will ask for supporting documentation for access and contact the sole custodial parent and city police if necessary. However, unless there is a restraining order stopping the non custodial parent from seeing the child he/she will be permitted to visit the child at the centre (i.e. birthday parties, holiday celebrations, etc)

In these circumstances it is very important that you have regular communication with your child's teacher and the Director.

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