

StrongStart Centre Expectations

Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest and participation in StrongStart. To help keep it a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for all families, please take a moment to review our expectations of families visiting our centres.

- Please sign in every time you visit one of our centres. If your child's name is not on the list, please see the educator. Registration is required, you may attend a StrongStart centre twice...on the third visit you will be required to register your child. You may do so online at SD43/StrongStart or acquire a paper copy from the StrongStart Educator.
- Please respect the 3:1 Child to Adult Ratio. Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age.
- Please do not attend if you or your child is sick. Refer to our kindness policy for more detailed information.
- When a "We are at capacity/Full" Sign is posted we encourage you to attend another StrongStart centre in the district.
- We ask that parents/Caregivers not use cellphones, earpods or any other electronic devices during the StrongStart program. Please place your cell phone on silent or vibrate in case of emergency. (If you need to make a call, please take your child with you outside or into a nearby quiet place to do so) Enjoy this time to be fully present with your child.
- Cellphones may be used to take photos/videos of *your child only* and when no other children are present in the photo/video. Please do not post photos/videos of the educator or other StrongStart children or families on social media.
- Familiarize yourself with Emergency Procedures. You are required to participate in any scheduled school drill. Please follow the StrongStart Educator's instructions and directions during a drill.
- Parents play a crucial role in our centres. How can you be a part of it? What can you do to help during your visit? Please ask your StrongStart Educator how you can assist in the centre.
- Check with the educator regarding washroom use/location as well as familiarize yourself with diaper disposal as procedures may be different centre to centre.

- Support and help your child to put away the toys/materials they are playing with before moving on to the next play experience and during clean up time. Offer supportive directions and help them out.
- Please encourage sharing, taking turns and being kind to others.
- Get involved/engage/join in and be playful with your child. Have fun, laugh and make precious memories.
- Circle time is for everyone, please sit down with your child. Parent participation is strongly encouraged, assist your child during circle time to actively engage, listen and participate.
- Please respect that other students are learning in nearby classrooms and move quietly through the hallways. Your child is encouraged to quietly walk with you.

We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at one of our StrongStart centres.

Sincerely,

SD43 StrongStart Team