

## **Walking Field Trips**

## **Informed Consent Approval**

At Ancaster Small Fry Preschool, the education of children is not confined to the four walls of the classroom. Teachers enhance their curriculum with fieldtrips outside the classroom. These walking field trips are often spontaneous, taking advantage of the weather, and they are implemented as science walks using our senses to observe seasonal changes, to collect fall leaves for science or art, to adopt a tree or climb snow hill. Occasionally, local community playing field, or park are visited to promote gross motor activities as well in a different setting.

<u>Supervision</u>: The classroom teacher will directly supervise walking field trips. Additional supervision may be provided by teacher assistants, or/and parents to meet supervision requirements outline in Child Care and Early Years Act.

<u>Risk reduction</u>: Walking field trip activities are considered low risk for accidents or personal injury to students. However classroom teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take appropriate safety precaution to minimize risk and enhance safety of each student. First-Aid packs and cellular phone will be easily accessed on walking trips in case of an emergency. Student emergency procedure plans/medical supplies will be brought for students with life-threatening medical conditions (e.g. anaphylaxis)

Because the impromptu nature of the walking field trips, the school is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate in walking field trips within our school community by completing this form. These walking field trips are optional. Alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate. Please, select the provision of your choice.

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| Printed Name of Child:  |               |
| Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:  |               |
| Parent/Guarding Signature:  |               |
| Date:   |               |