

## Christ Church Children's Center Tooth Brushing Procedure and Permission Slip

As required by the Department of Early Education and Care, children that attend school for more than 4 consecutive hours "must be assisted in brushing their teeth," and that "children must use individual, labeled toothbrushes which must be stored in a safe and sanitary manner open to the air without touching each other." (*Regulation: 7.11:11d & 11e: Health and Safety: Personal Hygiene.*)

In order to be in compliance with this regulation, C.C.C.C. will offer your child the opportunity to brush his or her teeth upon completing lunch. Each child that has a contracted spot for attendance at "Lunch Bunch" or "Extended Day," will be provided an individual toothbrush that will be labeled with their name. Each toothbrush has a plastic snap lid with vented sides which will allow air to circulate around the toothbrush bristles between uses, but will keep brushes from touching one another. Children who sign up for on a drop-in basis will be provided a disposable toothbrush only if we have a signed permission slip on file.

Teachers will provide children with the appropriate amount of Colgate Anti-cavity Fluoride Toothpaste: "Junior Bubble Flavor" on the rim of a clean, disposable, plastic cup. Children can then transfer the toothpaste from the side of the cup onto their toothbrush and brush their teeth. Upon completion of brushing their teeth, children can use the plastic cup to rinse with water and then discard. Teachers who assist children during tooth brushing will wear non-latex, vinyl gloves.

- I, \_\_\_\_\_, (parent or guardian) give permission for C.C.C.C. staff member(s) to encourage and assist my child \_\_\_\_\_ in brushing their teeth as indicated above.
  
- I, \_\_\_\_\_, (parent or guardian) DO NOT give permission for C.C.C.C. staff member(s) to encourage and assist my child \_\_\_\_\_ in brushing their teeth as indicated above.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date