

KA DAYCARE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Knowlton Academy offers a non-profit, provincially subsidized daycare service to parents and guardians who wish to register for this service. The heart of the daycare service is its after-school program, which provides students with a safe, stimulating environment for supervised play, structured activities, and a calm homework period. The daycare is also able to accommodate children in the morning. It is a partner in the school's lunchtime supervision program. In addition, it offers outings and other activities during school pedagogical days that can be enjoyed by both regular and sporadic daycare students.

In 2024 - 2025, Knowlton Academy Daycare will be in its 26th year of operation. For many working parents in the Knowlton area, the service has become an indispensable child-care resource. For the children themselves, after-school time becomes an opportunity to play and learn in a group setting, in the company of friends and our friendly, professional staff.

Like any subsidized daycare, the Knowlton Academy Daycare requires a high level of commitment from participating parents and guardians. If you choose to use the service on a regular basis, you will be asked to sign a detailed contract at the beginning of the school year and, in particular, to commit to the service for the full school year. While some parents may find these requirements daunting, without this level of commitment we would be unable to guarantee the financial viability, and indeed the continued survival, of the daycare service.

If you think you might be interested in the daycare service, please read the following information carefully. You can also register your child on-line. For further information, **please call the Knowlton Academy Daycare at 450-242-1336.**



* “Regular” refers to “Full-Time”, students registered for 1 day, 2 days or 3 and more days/week; “Sporadic” refers to children registered in daycare but who do not follow a regular attendance pattern.

Daycare Fees

****Daily fees for children attending one day or more is \$9.20 per child per day – this is subject to change by the Government with regard to funding parameters for subsidized daycares.**

Regular

This year regarding registration, in order to benefit from not paying supervision fees, you must register your child/children before September 30, 2024. Registration after September 30, 2024, will result in no reimbursements.

Example: If you register your child in daycare five days per week on November 1, 2024, you will still be charged your full supervision fees. The only exception is if your child/children is a new student to the school after September 30, 2024.

If your child is registered for a minimum of 1 day per week or more weekly, the cost is \$9.20** per day. This is subject to change by the Government with regard to funding parameters for subsidized daycares.

Parents who choose full time daycare for 3, 4 or 5 days per week, do not pay the supervision fees as long as registration was done **before September 30, 2024**. Parents who choose full time daycare 1 or 2 days will be charged supervision fees for the days they are not signed up to daycare.

Please note that parents/guardians will be charged supervision fees if they pull their child out of daycare before **September 30, 2024**.

Sporadic

If you use the service sporadically, the cost per child will be **\$4.07 for the morning, \$3.05 for lunch only and \$7.63 for the afternoon**. (This is subject to change by the Government.)

- Parents must send written notification at least *24 hours in advance* for each time they wish to make use of the sporadic daycare service. **This notice must be given to the homeroom teacher and the daycare service or call the daycare to leave a message.**
- Partial hours will be billed according to the following:
Morning daycare is from 6:45 to 8:05 cost = \$4.07
After school daycare is from 3pm to 5:30 cost = \$7.63
Total for sporadic users am + pm = \$11.50
- **As with general school procedures, regular transportation procedures will be followed unless there is the advance written notice to indicate otherwise.**

Due to required student/supervisor ratios for safety reasons, **sporadic children may only be accepted if space is available.**

General Information

As we are not recognized as an impoverished area, our daycare does not receive funding for snacks. Therefore, children must bring their own healthy snacks to daycare.

Opening Hours – Monday to Friday

Morning	-	6:45 – 8:05 a.m.
Lunch Hour	-	11:40 to 12:40 p.m.
After School	-	3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

(*Subject to final confirmation of the school day schedule, minor changes may apply.)

Contract

All sections of the contract must be completed. If you plan to use the morning Time Slot, this must be indicated on the contract as we must respect supervision ratios at all times.

Sporadic use of either morning or afternoon time slots must be requested in writing at least 24 hours in advance.

Pedagogical and Planning day (Ped days)

The Daycare will be open on Ped Days where sufficient numbers warrant.

- The cost for these days is \$15.75 per day** for all children registered as part of the Knowlton Academy Daycare.
- ***Additional fees may be added to cover additional costs of activities.***
- The daycare will be open from 7:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Ped days.
- Children must bring their lunches and snacks, unless otherwise indicated.
- Advance registration for Ped days is required.
- Attendance may be restricted to respect supervision ratios.

You may guarantee a spot for your child by pre-registering for Ped Days on your Enrolment Contract. This charge will be included with your monthly bill. **Cancellation of a Pre-Registered Ped Day must be received no later than one week prior to the said Ped Day, otherwise, the Ped Day Fees will apply.**

All daycare fees are non-refundable.

School Cancellations

The daycare is not open on days that school has been canceled due to bad weather, power failure, heating system failures etc..... Refunds will be issued in such cases.

Holidays

Daycare will not be opened on the following holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas break, March break, Easter break, Dollard-des-Ormeaux Day (Victoria Day), and summer vacation.

Payment Procedures

Fees may be paid online with the following banks, BMO, Bank National, Desjardins, Scotia Bank, TD and Tangerine. You may also pay by cheque or cash directly to the daycare. Receipts will be issued when paying cash. Relevé 24's will be issued for tax purposes **to parents who provide us with their Social Insurance Number**. Please note that only fees beyond the \$9.20 per day are eligible for a QC tax deduction.

Parents will be asked to follow procedures indicated by the Daycare Technician and specific dates to submit payment in a sealed and identified envelope will be required. Bills will be issued once a month by email.

Sporadic students will also receive a Statement of Account for payment.

Should a cheque not be approved at any given time, the parents will be required to pay in *cash only*. The parents will also be billed for any bank fees incurred as a result of NSF cheques.

Failure to make payments.

If payments are not made, the following steps will be taken:

- *A verbal reminder will be made.
- *A written notice will be issued.
- *A final written notice plus suspension from the daycare service until the payment is made in full.
- *Unpaid debts will be forwarded to a collection agency.**

Families who require repeated reminders to respect the payment schedule and procedures will no longer receive Daycare Service and will be removed for the balance of the year. Debts owed under the Daycare contract will be forwarded to a collection agency.

Late Pick-Up Fees

Our Daycare is open until 5:30 p.m. Late pick-ups result in additional costs to the Daycare; therefore, we must apply additional fees in cases where parents are late in picking up their child (ren).

Late Pick-Ups should only occur under exceptional circumstances and should not be a regular occurrence. If you see that you will be late in picking up your child, please contact one of your emergency contacts listed on the enrolment form. Please call the daycare at 450-242-1336 to leave a message stating the circumstances and to identify who will pick up the child. Please note that the person picking up your child may be asked to show some identification.

Please note the following Late Pick-Up Fees:

- **\$8.13 per 15-minute block. (Subject to change)**
- **This payment will be added on your monthly Statement of Account.**

Respecting Your Contract

As indicated previously, in order to maintain a viable daycare, the commitment of the participants is essential. Therefore, should you decide to withdraw your child from the daycare service prior to the end of the school year, a prorated “Termination Fee” will be applied. This fee will represent a **two-week penalty fee.** Termination of a contract **requires a two-week advance written notice.** If advance written notice is not received at least two weeks prior to the end of the month, then normal charges for the upcoming month will be applied.

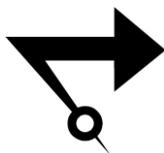
There is no reimbursement of the fees collected for any child who withdraws from daycare mid-month.

Safety Rules for the Protection of Your Child

- At Knowlton Academy Daycare our ratio is 1 worker to 20 or less children.
- Parents must sign their child into daycare when dropping them off and must sign their child out of daycare when picking them up. *Once the child is signed out, he/she no longer falls under the supervision and responsibility of the daycare.*
- **As with school safety procedures, parents must notify the daycare staff in writing in advance if someone other than the custodial parent is picking up the child.** We would also like to meet that person in advance, if possible. If this is not possible, we will ask the person picking up the child to show us some form of I.D.
- In the event that an adult who arrives at the Knowlton Academy daycare to pick up a child is suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the following 2 actions will be taken:

#1- The adult will be requested to leave the Daycare immediately and instructed to arrange for another trusted person to take the child home. (The parents will be billed for any extra costs incurred.)

#2- All incidents of “suspicion” will be reported to the Knowlton Academy School principal. Further action may be required in the best interests of the children.



Location

The daycare is located in the basement and consists of three classrooms and a private bathroom. The daycare staff also organizes activities in other areas of the building and on the playground. Students are required to remain with their daycare group, under the supervision of the daycare staff.

Procedure for picking up and dropping off

Pick up done at door 6

You will have to sign your child in upon arrival and sign out when you leave the daycare.

You will find a sign in and sign out sheet on the daycare bulletin board. Once you have signed your child out, the daycare is no longer responsible for your child. Pick up is done at door 6.

Code of Conduct

Knowlton Academy Daycare follows the same code of conduct as Knowlton Academy School. The daycare wishes to provide a friendly and peaceful environment for your children. If behaviour problems occur, you will be notified.

- For safety reasons, repeated negative behaviour will result in the expulsion of your child from the service.
- A student may also be expelled from Daycare following an act that endangers the safety or wellbeing of others, even if this has not been a repeated behaviour.

Medication Policy

The Knowlton Academy Daycare follows the “School Plan Regarding the Distribution of Medication to Students”. Daycare staff are unauthorized to administer any form of medication to a child without written permission from the parent/guardian and a copy of the prescription.

In the best interest of all students and staff, the following regulations are critical in reducing the risk of spreading illness:

- If a child is not feeling well, he/she cannot be sent to daycare.
- If a child becomes ill while attending daycare (or prior to the end of the school day), the parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child immediately.

Thank you for your interest in our daycare service. We hope to provide an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all children who attend our service.

