C.A.R.E. Group
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STORE DAY AT CARE

Store Day is a long-standing CARE tradition that adds a little fun and independence to the walk from school to CARE. It also gives children an opportunity to practice street safety, make choices, handle money, and use their social and numeracy skills.

WHEN?

Store Day takes place on Fridays after school. If Friday is a P.A. Day or the last school day before a holiday, Store Day may take place on Thursday instead.

Because the group stops at the store, children may arrive back to CARE a little later than usual, typically between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Store Day may occasionally be postponed or cancelled because of weather, staffing, scheduling, or other circumstances.

WHERE?

Children visit a nearby store along their supervised walking route to CARE. Store locations may vary depending on the school and the needs of the group.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Participation in Store Day is optional. Children who do not wish to participate will remain with a CARE educator and be offered activities at the playground or indoors at CARE, depending on the weather and staffing arrangements. Families are welcome to message us through Lillio if their child will not be participating. **Please message us through Lillio before Store Day if you do not want your child to participate.**

Children who participate but do not bring money may still accompany the group to the store.

We want Store Day to be an enjoyable experience for every child. To help keep the group safe, children are expected to:

- Check in with the CARE educators immediately after school.
- Stay with the group during the walk and inside the store.
- Listen and respond to the educators' directions.
- Follow pedestrian and street-safety expectations.
- Behave respectfully toward store staff, educators, and other children.

Store Day is connected to the safety expectations children practice during the walk to CARE.

We will make every effort to help each child participate. However, if a child is having difficulty following the safety expectations and cannot safely take part in the store visit that day, they will be offered another supervised activity.

Educators will speak with the family if there is an ongoing concern.

Since CARE uses Store Day to support safe walking habits, **we kindly ask families not to take it away as a consequence for behaviour at home.**

HOW MUCH MONEY?

Bringing money is optional. Children who participate may bring a **toonie** or a **maximum of $3** in cash. **Please do not send your child with more than $3.**

To keep Store Day manageable and fair for everyone:

- Each child may spend a maximum of $3, including taxes.
- Children may purchase **only ONE ITEM.**
- Family-sized packages and multipacks are not permitted.
- Children must use their own money and cannot combine money with another child.
- Children may not purchase items for friends or siblings.
- **To protect children with allergies and dietary restrictions, children may not share food and drinks purchased on Store Day.**

Part of Store Day is giving children an opportunity to make their own choices within these limits. We encourage families to speak with their child beforehand about suitable choices. If you do not want your child to purchase candy or certain products, please message us through Lillio before Store Day so that we can support your decision.

Please make sure CARE has current information about your child's allergies and dietary needs.

If you have any questions about Store Day, please message us through Lillio.