

# Sick Policy

Children who are ill should be kept at home so they do not expose other children to viruses and increase the chance of spreading the sickness throughout the school. This includes children who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. Please be sure that your child has been symptom-free for at least **24** hours before returning to school. Please do not give your child a fever-reducing medication and then send him/her to school. These children are still considered contagious and must be without a fever for at least **24** hours without medication before returning to school.



If your child has any of the following, please keep them home until they are symptom-free;

- Signs/symptoms of severe illness, including lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, unexplainable irritability or persistent crying, difficulty breathing, and/or wheezing, and loss of taste or smell.
- Nasal drainage other than clear.
- Strep throat until 24 hours after initial antibiotic treatment and cessation of fever.
- Diarrhea.
- Vomiting.
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis) until the treatment has been initiated for 24 hours.
- Head lice from the end of the day until after treatment.
- Blood in stools.
- Persistent abdominal pain.
- Mouth sores, unless a health care professional determines the sores are not contagious.
- Rash until a physician determines that these symptoms do not indicate a communicable disease.
- Hand foot and mouth until sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).

If your child will not be in school, please inform the school of the reason for your child's absence. Thank you in advance for your understanding!