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ILLNESS GUIDELINES- when to keep your child home from school

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child home:

Symptom	Child must be at home?
Fever Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher	**Yes**-- when accompanied by behavior changes or other apparent symptoms, The student must be fever free (without the aid of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.
Sore throat	**Yes**-- if with a fever or swollen neck glands. If student has a positive Strep test they may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotics.
Eyes	**Yes**-- thick mucus or pus draining form the eye or pink eye. With pink eye you may see white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain, redness or itching. Your child must receive 24 hours of antibiotics before returning to school
Cough and/or discolored nasal discharge stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough	**No**-- your child may go to school if they are able to take part in school activities A frequent, moist, productive cough, chest congestion, and/or nasal discharge that are not clear in color may be contagious and require treatment.
Vomiting/diarrhea	**Yes**-- students with vomiting and/or diarrhea will not be able to attend school, remain at school and/or return to school for 24 hours if they are experiencing these symptoms.
Rash	**Yes**-- especially with fever or itching. Any child with an undiagnosed rash will be excluded.
Lice, Scabies	**Yes**-- Students may not return to school until they have been treated for infestation and are free of nits (lice eggs attached to the hair shaft). A visual inspection of the hair by school personnel is required prior to re-admittance. Inspection will be done privately and with respect.

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while at school, you will be notified and your child will be sent home to recover.

Please contact the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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