



## *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. Please be sure to have a plan for child care in the event your child needs to stay home.

Our school policy states that you should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- A fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Strep throat ( must be taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- Head lice- until your child has been treated and cleared by the school nurse
- Pink eye- pink eye that is oozing and crusted in the morning (must be on antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school)

If your child becomes sick at school and the school nurse feels he/she is too sick to benefit from school or may be contagious to others, you will be called to come and take your child home. It is essential that the school has a phone number where you can be reached during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. If your number changes during the year, please notify the school immediately. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and healthy school year.

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