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*“Developing our students’
knowledge, skills and talents
to the fullest so they
can make the world
a better place for all.”*

GUIDELINES FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

The following are some guidelines for determining whether or not to send your child to school. **If you answer YES to any of these, you should keep your child at home for comfort and close monitoring:**

- student has a fever 100 degrees F or higher
- student vomits at home after school, during the night, or in the morning-should be observed for 24 hours at home
- a diagnosis of strep throat-child needs to remain at home until he/she has been on antibiotics a full 24 hours
- student has unusual bowel movements: more frequent, loose, watery than usual or persistent diarrhea during the day or night-should be observed at home for 24 hours
- student has frequent cough which is not controlled and chest congestion
- nasal drainage with colored mucus, tugging on one/both ears, breathing is difficult due to nasal stuffiness or drainage
- student is rubbing at one or both eyes, eye is reddened and draining a thick mucus that sticks to eye lashes and lids
- student has an unusual rash, may or may not be itchy, may have areas of cracked skin that are bleeding

Please contact the nurse if your child has a communicable disease such as: head lice, chicken pox, measles, TB, ringworm, impetigo, strep throat, fifth disease, scabies, etc.

Your child is ready to return to his/her school when:

- Temperature is below 100 degrees F without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours
- No vomiting for 24 hours and he/she is eating a usual diet for age
- Bowel movements are of usual frequency and appearance and diet is usual for age for 24 hours
- Cough is seldom or not at all
- Nasal drainage is clear, only occasional, and breathing is normal, no longer tugging at ear, slept well
- No thick eye discharge reappears after proper face washing or you contacted a doctor for evaluation and student is not contagious
- Rash faded away or you contacted a doctor for evaluation and student is not contagious; bleeding has stopped or areas may be covered completely

If any of the above symptoms occur during school hours, you may be called to dismiss your child early.

***Please be sure that anyone named on you Emergency Contact List is readily available and able to pick up the student within ½ hour of notification.**

