



SICK CHILD POLICY

From time to time your child will inevitably have a “minor” illness. Preschool children are expected to have about 7-8 respiratory or gastrointestinal illnesses a year. Most illnesses seem to be concentrated in the winter months when children are in closer contact with each other. The most common types of illnesses we see are Fever, Diarrhea, and Colds.

The School understands that children will have runny noses and coughs. If a child comes to the school with a cold, we believe that he/she should be able to follow our daily routine. If your child is unable to participate in regular classroom activities, we ask that he/she remain home in your care until they are well enough to attend the School. We will send home children that are unable to participate in the classroom routine and are uncomfortable due to illness.

FEVER: Should your child develop a fever (a temperature of 100° or more) while at School, we ask that you come and pick up your child as soon as possible but no later than 30 minutes after being phoned by the office.

DIARRHEA: In the event that your child has diarrhea while at School, we will notify you and ask you to come and get your child. We ask that any child with diarrhea be kept out of School a minimum of the following School day. Once your child’s stool has returned to a normal composition your child may return. If it is determined by your child’s physician (in writing) that the diarrhea is going to last a while and is not infectious, the child may return to the School.

MAJOR ILLNESSES: Occasionally one of our children catches a communicable disease, has a serious injury, or is admitted for surgery. These events are viewed as “major” illnesses. Our policy regarding major illnesses requires that prior to re-admittance we receive a statement from your child’s attending physician acknowledging that it is safe for not only for your child to return, *but that is safe for your child to return as it relates to the other children at the School.*

In the event that your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease or contagious illness, we ask that you call the School with the diagnosis as soon as possible so that we may notify our other families if necessary. We will also take care to notify the Health Department if necessary and follow any necessary precautions.

| TYPICAL ILLNESSES & TYPICAL RETURN TIME LINES | |
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| Strep Throat | 48 hours after being sent home and on antibiotics |
| Diarrhea/ Vomiting/ Fever | 24-36 hours after being sent home and symptom-free without medication |
| Lice | After treatment |
| Yellow or green eye discharge/ Red or pink eye with clear constant tearing/ Conjunctivitis | 24-48 hours after starting the eye drops and no discharge <i>Recommend seeing eye specialist for diagnosis</i> |
| Yellow or green mucous in cough or nose | When mucous is normal |
| Ring Worm or other unidentified rash | 24 hours after starting medication <i>(Doctor’s note required)</i> |