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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We feel that it is a good time to review our procedures in regards to children who are sick at school.

If your child gets sick, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her 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 make arrangements for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

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

1. Fever in the past 24 hours 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting in the past 24 hours
3. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
4. Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school).
5. Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
6. Head lice – live bugs or nits (lice eggs)
7. Rash
8. Pinkeye- (must be on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours, which includes 4 doses, before returning to school)

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that your child’s teacher have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone numbers change during the year, please notify your child’s teacher immediately.

These guidelines are meant to serve the best interests of all the children and staff in our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

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