

## **2022 - 2023 Sick Policy**

Students who are ill should be kept home to help control the spread of germs. Sick children expose other students and staff members they encounter. This is disruptive to the educational process and to other children and their families.

Please follow the guidelines below to help keep our school safe and healthy:

1. Please report to the School Nurse, Ms. Greer Edwards, if your child has a communicable disease. Children are expected to remain home during the communicable period of the disease as indicated by your healthcare provider. Please provide a note from the healthcare provider upon return or a parent note that includes diagnosis, date of diagnosis, date of first symptoms, date of expected return, and best contact number for parent or guardian.
2. If your child shows these signs of illness, they must remain home (or will be sent home from school):
  - Fever – Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100.4° F. A child needs to be fever-free for a minimum of 24 hours without the help of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
  - Diarrhea, stomachache and/or vomiting – The students must remain home for 24 – 48 hours after stomachache, diarrhea, or vomiting has stopped. The child should be feeling better and food intake should have returned to normal before returning to school.
  - Difficulty breathing – Student should stay home until he/she is feeling better and his/her activity level has returned to normal.
  - Sore Throat – Student should stay home if he/she has a red throat, swollen glands, and /or difficulty swallowing.
  - Loss of Taste and Smell – Student should seek medical evaluation.
  - Uncontrolled cold symptoms interfering with the student's ability to learn (i.e., persistent coughing and/or persistent/active runny nose) – Student should stay home until symptoms are improving and he/she can participate in class.
  - Other symptoms – Students exhibiting symptoms such as extreme fatigue, body aches and/or headache, and/or are not able to participate in class should stay home until recovered and/or see their healthcare provider.

In the event a child becomes ill during the school day, the parents will be called. If the parent(s) cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be called. Students should be picked up within 30 minutes of notification.