

Absences Due to Illness

While missing school can be difficult, children who are ill should remain at home. Students must remain at home until they have gone 24 hours without symptoms if any of the following conditions are present:

1. **Fever** (temperature at or above 100 degrees). Children must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. **Vomiting**
3. **Diarrhea**
4. **Discharge** from the eyes, nose, or ears
5. **Sore throat**
6. **Persistent cough**
7. **Rash**
8. **Contagious disease.** Parents should call the school immediately if a student becomes ill with a contagious disease (such as conjunctivitis, chicken pox, fifth's disease, strep throat) so that we may alert the school community and notify other parents as to risks of exposure. The child must be checked by the school nurse prior to returning to school.
9. **Head lice** and/or any untreated nits (Head lice must be treated before children return to school.)

If your child is ill, please notify the school of his or her absence prior to 8:30 AM or as soon as possible. A note from your child's physician indicating safe return to school is required after any hospitalization. If the physician feels your child may return to school in the presence of the above listed symptoms a note from the physician will be required. Should a child become ill during the school day with any of the above listed signs or symptoms, the school will contact the child's parents and request that the child is taken home. If the child's parents cannot be located, the school will contact the people identified on the child's emergency contact form.

Please provide the school with an accurate list of people authorized to pick up your child in the case of an illness or an emergency.