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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The cold and flu season is upon us. We have seen lots of illness and have sent many children home. Although school attendance is important, there are times that it is better to keep your student home. Our policy is to keep children in school if they do not have a **fever, vomiting (1 episode), diarrhea (more than 3 episodes, or 1 uncontained), or any other obvious signs of illness.**


If your child has a temperature of 100.0 degrees or above, they must remain at home. Your child must be free from fever, diarrhea, vomiting, and green nasal drainage (**without medication**) for **at least 24 hours**, before coming back to school. **This means if your child is sent home with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or green nasal drainage, they MAY NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY.**

The following are guidelines to help you decide whether or not to send your child to school:

- Your child will be sent home from school for **any** occasion of vomiting.
- For students who are potty trained, your child will be sent home if he/she has more than 3 episodes of diarrhea in a day. For students who are **not** potty trained, your child will be sent home if he/she has more than 3 episodes of diarrhea in a day or if the diarrhea is not contained in a diaper.
- If your child has green nasal drainage, this may indicate infection. Please take your child to the doctor before he/she returns to school.
- If your child wakes up with one or both eyes matted, red and swollen, please take your child to the doctor before he/she returns to school.
- If your child has a rash over most of his/her body that **has not** been diagnosed by a doctor, please do not send your child to school.
- If your child appears to have a ringworm on his/her scalp that **has not** been diagnosed by a doctor, please take him/her to the doctor and upon returning to school, please bring an excuse from the doctor stating that it has been treated. If the ringworm is on any part of the body, please cover with bandage.
- Most children can stay in school with a minor cold. This means, **no fever, clear nasal drainage and generally feeling good.**

If your child complains of not feeling well before school, please **do not** tell the child to call if he does not get to feeling better. Almost every child will immediately come to the office and complain of not feeling good and want to go home. Instead, assess your child, (**including temperature**), and either keep your child at home or tell him he is fever free and must attend school. Call the school and let the school staff know the child's condition, and then if your child comes to the office, we will call you at your request. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our students and staff healthy!

Sincerely,

 - Supt. (WPSB)
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