

# WHEN SHOULD YOUR CHILD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?

We understand deciding to keep a child home when they are sick can be difficult! But in order to learn best, we need to keep our kids healthy! Keeping sick kids home helps everyone!

**\*\*Remember, your Child must be SYMPTOM FREE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL\*\***

- 1. FEVER ABOVE 100 DEGREES:** Your child should stay home if he/she has a fever of 100 Degrees (orally, temporal, or tympanic route) or more. Your child needs to be FEVER FREE for 24 hours WITHOUT fever-reducing agents (Tylenol, ibuprofen) before returning to school. **Please do not give your child medication to treat a fever and then send them to school!!!!**
- 2. Severe SORE THROAT/Severe Cough:** If your child has been diagnosed with strep, then they must stay home for 24 hours after antibiotics have begun. Also, See fever policy. (Some sore throats/Coughs can be allergy related, so please let the teacher know if they are on allergy meds for cough or other symptoms!)
- 3. HEAD LICE:** See Head Lice tab for more information!
- 4. SPOTS/RASH:** Please do not send your child with a rash until a healthcare provider has cleared them. There are many skin rashes and many are contagious.
- 5. EYE INFLAMMATION OR DISCHARGE:** Pink eye/Conjunctivitis is very contagious. If the white of your child's eye is red and has drainage you should then your child should stay home and seek medical care.
- 6. VOMITING/DIARRHEA:** your child should stay home until the illness is over, and also for 24 hours after the last episode (without medication).