



## Merryhill School Sick Child Policy

**The purpose of our sick policy as it applies to children is as follows:**

1. To reduce the spread of illness from the sick child to other children
2. To reduce the possibility of the recuperating child returning to Merryhill before the child is fully recovered from the illness, which could develop into a more serious illness
3. Prevention of the constant spread of colds, flu and diarrhea so common among children

We ask that you assist us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all of our children by helping to reduce the spread of illness from a sick child. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss them with your Principal.

### Illness:

A sick child **must** stay home where he/she is most relaxed and comfortable. Children may be sent home if they have any of the specific symptoms listed on this form. In addition, your child must be free of all these specified symptoms for **at least 24 hours** before they may be admitted back into Merryhill School. These symptoms are as follows:

1. A fever of 100 degrees or more
2. Vomiting within the previous 24 hour period
3. Diarrhea with the previous 24 hour period (including recurring episodes of diarrhea at school)
4. A heavy nasal discharge indicative of infection
5. A skin rash
6. Head lice
7. Symptoms of a communicable disease

Following an illness, a child may return to school once he/she has either been seen by a doctor or it has been determined that the illness is NOT contagious. (A doctor's clearance may be requested as necessary.)

All children at Merryhill will be involved in physical fitness activities, both indoors and outdoors, as an important part of the curriculum. If you believe your child is not well enough to participate, he/she will probably be more comfortable at home. Merryhill School is not equipped to accommodate the needs of a sick child.