

Illness

Parents assist us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all our students by keeping sick Students at home. The purpose of our sick Student policy is to:

- Reduce the spread of illness from a sick Student to other students and members of School staff.
- Promote complete recuperation of the sick student.
- Prevent the constant spread of cold, flu, diarrhea, and other communicable diseases that are common in the community.

We reserve the right to refuse admittance to any student who shows a sign of illness. Students who become ill at School will be made comfortable and parents will be notified to pick them up within one hour. Parents must keep sick children at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours* if they display any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or more. (Students must be free of fever for at least 24 hours, unassisted by fever-reducing medication before returning to school.)
 - Vomiting • Diarrhea
 - Sore Throat
 - Skin Rash
- Head Lice Page 25 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026-2027
- Heavy nasal discharge requiring frequent wiping every 3-5 minutes
 - Persistent, non-productive, or “barking” cough
 - Fussy, cranky behavior unlike the child’s normal demeanor
- Symptoms of communicable disease such as pink eye, measles, chicken pox, mumps, or strep throat

*The length of time students should stay out of our School depends on the illness and local guidance. Please see your School Leader for updated guidance.

Medication Administration

Whenever possible, prescription or over the counter medication should be administered at home or by a Parent who comes to the School for that purpose. We encourage Parents to ask the student’s health care provider to prescribe or recommend medications in such a way that they do not need to be administered during the school day. If the physician determines that the medication should be administered during the school day, we will consider such requests in accordance with state and local regulations. When we agree to administer prescription or nonprescription medications, Parents must provide a note from the student’s health care provider requesting us to administer the medication, with detailed dosage information, circumstances, or schedule of medication administration, and any adverse reactions that could occur.