

Day School Health Policy

Each morning staff will do a quick health check on all children as they are dropped off. Please inform them of any issues that their teacher should be made aware of.

Observing good health practices will protect children and staff. The cooperation of parents in the following health policies is essential. An infected child can spread germs to other children and teachers and germs can be left on equipment. The risk of infection is higher for toddlers because they naturally put objects into their mouths.

There will be times, a child may not be extremely ill, but may not feel well enough to interact with groups of children. **Parents should use their judgment and consult with the child's teacher when in doubt.**

Other times, a child may be too ill to attend school. To cut down on cross-infection and to ensure a speedy recovery, we are unable to care for children with any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)—and any undiagnosed discharge of the eye
- Rashes or mouth sores that cannot be identified or that have not been treated by a physician.
- Impetigo
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Severe cold with fever, sneezing and nose drainage
- Head Lice-No lice or nits (Day School staff will determine if they are nit-free and can return.)
- Contagious diseases (mumps, measles, scabies, chicken pox, strep throat, etc.)
- Hand/Foot/Mouth-Blisters must be dried in before returning to school

Parents will be notified immediately to pick up the child if any of the above symptoms occur. The child will be separated from the class to prevent spreading of germs. **A prompt response by parents is essential.** A reasonable amount of time (**up to one hour**) will be allowed for parents to pick up the child. If parents cannot be reached, or do not respond to the pick up call, the emergency contact on the child's enrollment form will be notified. **If your child is sent home sick from school with any of the above symptoms and returns the following day, you will be called to pick up your child.** In the event that a child is exposed to a communicable disease, we ask that parents notify us immediately so we may notify the parents of other day school children.

After a child has been ill, he/she may return when all of the following conditions have been met:

- Child has been **symptom free** and **fever free for 24 hours without medication.**
- Child can participate comfortably in all usual program activities.
- Child has been treated for symptoms, with medication, for at least 24 hours.
- Child with bacterial infections or strep throat must be **fever free for at least 24 hours**, and on **medication for a full 24 hours.**

