

## **Sickness Policy**

While missing school can be difficult, children who are ill should remain at home. Parents and staff alike will be asked to do a daily symptom check prior to leaving your home. Individuals who display the following signs and symptoms should stay home until those signs and symptoms subside:

- **headache,**
- **chills,**
- **sore throat,**
- **nausea, vomiting, diarrhea,**
- **temperature of 99.5 or above,**
- **cough,**
- **atypical fatigue,**
- **nasal congestion or runny nose not due to a known cause such as allergies or in combination of other symptoms, such as shortness of breath**
- **diminished sense of taste and/or smell.**
- **Head Lice**
- **Contagious disease of any kind- parents should call the school immediately if a student becomes ill with a contagious disease such as conjunctivitis, chicken pox, fifth's disease, strep throat, Hand, foot and mouth disease**

For students displaying these symptoms should they arise in school they will be expected to be picked up within one hour should the symptoms not be related to a known condition in which those signs and symptoms can be attributed. I will guide you through situations where you or a family member may be recommended for a COVID-19 test. In situations where a student previously was asked to stay home for 24 hours with relief from symptoms there will be instances in which they will need to remain at home for 72 hours or more dependent upon nursing assessment and evolving guidelines from the state and government. Contacts should be able to pick up your child(ren) within an hour. For any absence please email or call me with the reason for the absence prior to 8:30 am. We will be closely monitoring the health of all students and staff, looking for trends and being proactive when a sickness arises.

**Any questions and/or concerns can be directed to Nurse Carolynn at  
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