

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to advise you of our school attendance guidelines to help reduce communicable sickness and absences from school. Increasing numbers of students are susceptible to infection and therefore it is essential that all families follow these guidelines.

- Children can return to school **24 hours after** their fever has returned to normal **without having Tylenol/Advil/Motrin.**
- Children can return to school only when they have had **1 full day (24 hours)** of a prescribed antibiotic medication.
- Children can return to school **24 hours after** their last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea and have been able to eat without a relapse.
- Children **cannot attend** school if they have a rash that has not been identified (i.e. a rash from an unknown cause).
- A note from a parent is required after **any** absence. A note from the **doctor** is **required** after your child has been absent for 5 or more days.
- If your child has had a contagious illness such as strep throat or conjunctivitis, **please let me know** as these illnesses are monitored to prevent further spread.

A note from a parent is also required when children bring cough drops to school. The cough drops will be kept in the health office and given to the child by the nurse. Please note that children should not be taking any medications on their own while at school. **All medications are to be administered by the nurse with parental consent. Any prescription medication must have a doctor's order with signature.** An adult should deliver any prescriptions medications to school.

Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to reduce absenteeism and maintain a healthy school environment. Please don't hesitate to call me at school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Joanne MacDonald, RN

