



SUSQUEHANNA PREP apple tree preschool

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ILLNESS POLICY

All parents should realize that when children are exposed to a large number of people, the chance of catching an illness is increased. Even though this is impossible to avoid, we want to do our best to minimize the chances of spreading illness. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis or chicken pox), please let school staff know.

Parents should realize that there are acceptable reasons for requiring a child to be kept out of school. Generally, a child should be kept home from school if he/she:

- 1.) Has a temperature above 98.6 degrees. Should stay home until the temperature has been normal for 24 hours.
- 2.) Has a runny nose that is not clear. Coughing should also be monitored; should stay home if excessive.
- 3.) Is vomiting, complains of a stomach ache. Should stay home until the vomiting has stopped for at least 24 hours.
- 4.) Diagnosed with strep throat. The student must be on an antibiotic medication for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- 5.) Has diarrhea or watery stools. Should stay home and be monitored for at least 24 hours.
- 6.) Has a rash or skin irritation. Should stay home until a doctor approves their return to school, (in writing) and the symptoms are no longer present. Please provide a note upon their return.
- 7.) Has an eye infection. Should stay home until a doctor approves their return to school, (in writing) and the symptoms are no longer present. Pink eye is contagious and needs to be treated. Please provide a note upon their return.
- 8.) Contracts a contagious illness such as chicken pox, etc.

Reporting Illnesses

We will send a note home when a serious or highly contagious illness has been reported at school, for example, strep throat. This allows you to watch for similar symptoms. When calling in illnesses, please let us know the nature of your child's illness; it is important for the well being of all students.

Get Well Cards

We try to send get-well cards when a child is going to be absent for more than two days due to illness. To do this, we will need your help in keeping us informed. When you call the school, please let us know if you think your child will be out for more than two days.

We suggest that you check with your family doctor for additional information. We have established our Illness Policy through research and consultation with health care professionals.