



SICK CHILDREN POLICY

- 1) If your child has a communicable illness (e.g., strep throat, scarlet fever, chicken pox, pink eye, lice, etc.), please report it to the school office immediately either by email or phone **(516) 536-6295**. Members will be notified if a communicable illness is reported in their child's classroom via email. There will be a notice placed outside each classroom as well.
- 2) Sick children do not belong in school. They will be sent home. Sometimes children WANT to come to school even if they are sick, but remember, "MOM & DAD know best." It is our duty and responsibility to keep sick children home, away from the others in the school. A child cannot perform normally if he or she is sick. A sick child will not be happy in school and germs will spread to other children and staff.
- 3) If a child has a fever, (99.8° or higher), he or she will be sent home from school. The child must be fever-free and symptom free for 48 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before being allowed to return to school.
- 4) If your child is sneezing, coughing or has a runny nose, he or she is contagious and should not be in school. If the nasal discharge is either green or yellow this indicates an infection.
- 5) If the child has allergies with a persistent cough, we need a note from your doctor explaining the condition in order to allow your child to remain in school
- 6) If a child has vomited or has diarrhea, you must wait 24 hours after the child is *symptom-free* before returning to school.
- 7) Remember this age group spreads germs easily. We try our best to keep things as germ-free as possible, but PLEASE be considerate of others. We have many families with new babies and many families with grandparents who make the school drop offs and pickups. So... When in doubt... Keep them out!
- 8) Any child found to exhibit any signs or symptoms of illness (e.g., fever, diarrhea, rash, persistent cough, etc.) during class time will be escorted to the office and supervised by office personnel until the parent or legal guardian is contacted and comes to pick up the child.