Every parent at some time or another has wondered whether they should send their child to school on days that they don't feel well. Inside you will find a helpful guide.

Thank-you,

Office of the School
Nurse

In the event you choose not to send your child, please call the school, as we are concerned with absences and may be calling you.

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WHEN NOT TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL



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• Fever of 100 or higher:

Children must not return to school until they are fever free for 48 hours without Tylenol or Motrin. Children on antibiotics for contagious diseases such as tonsillitis, bronchitis or pneumonia must not return to school until they have taken the medication for 24 hours.

- Nausea and/or vomiting:
 Children must stay home for
 48 hours after vomiting.
- **Diarrhea:** Children must stay home for 48 hours after diarrhea.
- Sore Throat (pustules and/ or blisters in throat): Child must be fever free for 24 hours. Diagnosis by physician will determine if child is contagious or not. If medication(s) are prescribed, child must take for 24 hours before returning to school. If child is diagnosed with strep throat or scarlet fever, medication must be taken for 48 hours before returning to school.

- Rash: Diagnosis by a physician will determine if child is contagious or not. If child is contagious, he/she cannot return to school until prescribed treatment has been started.
- Pink Eye or Discharge
 from Eyes: Child is to stay
 home until a physician has
 made a diagnosis, antibiotics
 have been taken for 24 hours
 and drainage from eye(s) has
 stopped.
- <u>Lice/Nits:</u> Treatment must start immediately. Child is to stay home until nit free for 24 hours.

• Open or Draining Sores:

Physician needs to confirm if contagious or not. Appropriate treatment needs to be started before child returns to school.

• Ringworms: Diagnosis by a physician must be made and anti-fungal treatment needs to be started. While in school, the site must be covered.

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A few thoughts on the common cold...

The common cold will last between 5 days and 2 weeks. Children are most infectious on the first day or two, and on the day before the symptoms begin. Coughing and sniffling are not dangerous to the child or to others in contact with the child. Green or yellow nasal discharge are not a reason to stay home!

$A \, few \, thoughts \, on \, asthma...$

Asthma is the biggest single reason why kids miss school. A student who is well enough to receive medication at home, can receive their medication at school and usually does not need to miss school.

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