

## Health Policy

In an effort to help the school year run smoothly, and keep communication between school and home strong and clear, the following health policy has been developed with the help of our consulting pediatrician. Please be advised that we do not have a school nurse on staff.

### Illness

1. Fever
2. Colds
3. Earache
4. Conjunctivitis
5. Diarrhea/Vomiting
6. Chicken pox
7. Impetigo/  
Skin Infections
8. Strep throat
9. Lice

### Exclusion from school

- Until symptom free for 24 hours without medication
- Constant runny nose and/or persistent cough
- Symptom free for 24 hours after start of medication
- Until eyes are free of discharge and/or treated with medication for 24 hours
- Until symptom free for 24 hours without medication
- Until all spots are scabbed over and no new spots have occurred – usually 4 to 6 days from onset
- Until skin is clear or under treatment for 24 hours
- Until 24 hours after start of treatment and free of fever for 24 hours
- Until treated and free of lice and nits; notification should be given to the school

This health policy is designed with the fact in mind that when children do not feel well, they need to stay home so they can enjoy lots of rest and plenty of TLC. Your child should look and behave like him/herself for 24-48 hours before returning to school.

## Medication Policy

No medications should be administered at school. Parents are advised to give medication at home on a schedule other than during school hours. Medication ordered by a physician to be given once a day must be given at home. If it is **absolutely** necessary that a medication be given during school hours, the medication must have the full prescription label. It should be brought to the school office and will be dispensed by the Education Director or staff next in charge. **No** over the counter medication will be given at school.

## Communicable Diseases

Please call the school if your child has a communicable disease or will be absent for an extended period of time. Parents will be alerted if children have been exposed to such communicable diseases as Chicken Pox, Fifth's Disease, Head Lice, etc.