

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

NO PARENT WANTS A CHILD TO MISS SCHOOL WITHOUT GOOD REASON. SENDING A SICK CHILD TO CLASS CAN MAKE A CONDITION WORSE AND PUT OTHER CHILDREN AND STAFF AT RISK. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CAN HELP YOU MAKE THAT TOUGH MORNING CALL.

KEEP A CHILD HOME WHEN HE OR SHE HAS...

- A FEVER OVER 100.4 – MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION SUCH AS TYLENOL OR IBUPROFEN
- VOMITING – MUST STAY HOME FOR 24 HOURS AFTER LAST EPISODE AND MUST HAVE EATEN A MEAL
- MORE THAN **ONE** EPISODE OF DIARRHEA – MUST STAY HOME 24 HOURS AFTER LAST EPISODE
- A PERSISTENT PRODUCTIVE COUGH WITH WHEEZING AND CONSTANT SINUS DRAINAGE
- AN UNDIAGNOSED RASH – RASHES ARE VERY COMMON IN CHILDREN. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- DISCHARGE COMING FROM THE EYE WITH MATTED EYELIDS AFTER SLEEPING OR A RED PAINFUL EYE – MUST HAVE 3 DOSES OF EYE DROPS BEFORE RETURNING
- STREP THROAT – STAY HOME UNTIL FEVER FREE AND AT LEAST 24 HOURS ON ANTIBIOTICS
- UNTREATED HEAD LICE

SNIFFLES, A RUNNY NOSE AND A MILD COUGH COULD JUST BE A COLD OR ALLERGIES AND DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA TO STAY HOME

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. THE NURSE CAN ASSESS YOUR CHILD TO HELP YOU DECIDE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.