

To all MLS Parents:

School Guidelines and Policies for Illness

Please notify the school if your child is unable to attend that day. We appreciate knowing whether your child is sick or absent for another reason. Notify us immediately if your child has a contagious disease. We need to inform the parents of other children who may have been exposed. We want to keep our children as healthy as possible and have, therefore, established the following guidelines:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF HE/SHE EXHIBITS:

- Elevated temperature
- **Rash**
- Flushed cheeks
- Fussy, cranky, or tired
- **Discharge from eyes or nose**
- Sneezing
- **Symptoms of possible communicable disease**
- Reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, or abdominal pain
- Coughing – wet productive cough
- Nits or head lice

If we observe any of these symptoms, your child will be isolated and you will be notified. Please have your child picked up within the hour. Those **bolded** symptoms above will require a Doctor's note to return after a 24-hour period only if they are symptom free.

*REFERENCE: PARENT HANDBOOK (POLICIES & PROCEDURES, PAGE 1)

The CDC has said: *Children less than 5 years of age are at increased risk of complications from influenza*

Protocol for Staff:

1. Health Check on Arrival: "Every child, every day"
This includes morning, afternoon and at lunch bunch.
*All children absent due to illness are given a health check by the school office.
*All children wash their hands 1st thing when they arrive!
* Late arrivals in chapel: Given a squirt of antibacterial before sitting down.
2. All staff has received safety equipment: Aprons, with small sanitizer and gloves. Large sanitizer for classroom, masks if necessary, Thermometers for each classroom.
3. Each classroom has its own sink to wash hands.
4. Each classroom is cleaned daily, with surfaces wiped down with disinfectant.
5. When children get sick at school:
 1. Temp check
 2. Over 100 or persistent cough, we will:
 - a) Separate from class
 - b) Office will call for pick up

Parents MUST have back-up plan for when their child is sick and cannot come to school

6. A child may return to school after an illness ONLY if:
 - a) 24 hours without fever AND not on any fever reducing meds
 - b) No cough or discharge from eyes or nose

For Your Information

- CDC website is linked to our school website for updated info.
- CDC Handout- for each family available in school office
- Please refer to your PARENT HANBOOK under "ATTENDANCE"
- No matter what precautions we put into place: we cannot keep everyone who is potentially infectious out of the school environment