



Dear Parents,

The health and well being of our students and staff is always our number one priority. The following is our schools policy regarding illness. All of these policies will be strictly enforced, for the health, well-being and safety of our children, their families and staff.

Sick Child Policy: If your child shows any signs of illness (**see symptoms requiring removal of child from school**), or is unable to participate in the normal routine and regular program, please find alternate care for your child. Sick children expose all children and staff members to illness. This is disruptive to other children, their families, and our staff, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important.

We take every effort to reduce the spread of illness by encouraging handwashing and other sanitary practices, including the use of our sanitizing machine.

In the event a child becomes ill and needs to be picked up, the parent(s) will be called and are expected to come pick the child up within a timely manner. If the parent(s) cannot be reached the emergency contact person will be called and asked to come pick your child up.

For the benefit of our staff and the other children in our care, a sick child will not be permitted to return to school for 24 hours after the condition has returned to normal. The child may return 24-48 hours (depending on the illness) after they have received the first dose of an antibiotic. If a child receives an antibiotic for an ear infection, he/she may return to school immediately, if she/he has been free of other symptoms mentioned for at least 24 hours. If you aren't sure about whether or not to bring your child to school, please call the schools director to discuss. Allergy related symptoms, and non-communicable illnesses do not require exclusion if you have a note from your doctor.

Symptoms requiring removal of child from school (as per State Board of Health Regulations):

- Fever: Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. A child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school, that means the child is fever free without the aid of Tylenol, or any other fever reducing substance.
- Fever, AND Sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion.
- Diarrhea: runny, watery, bloody stools, or 2 or more loose stools within last 4 hours.
- Vomiting: 2 or more times in a 24 hour period.
- Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, loss of voice, hacking or continuous coughing.
- Runny nose (other than clear), draining eyes or ears.
- Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ringworm
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well being of the other children in our care.
- Chicken Pox: until crusts are dry, no sooner than the 8th day
- Mumps: When swelling gone, no sooner than 7th day.

- Scarlet Fever: Two days after medication has begun, child may return. Medication should continue until complete.
- Strep Throat: Two days after medication has begun, child may return. Medication should continue until complete.

Again, if you are not sure whether or not it is okay to bring you child, please call ahead to ask us. We may require a doctor's decision as to whether or not the child is contagious. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Apple Montessori Schools