

Sweet Clover School

Illness Policy

In a school where colds and other minor ailments are commonplace, it is essential to try to prevent spreading contagious diseases to other children and their families. Children who are not feeling well are unable to enjoy school fully. Therefore, we ask parents to keep sick children at home where they can be given the extra care and attention they need.

Signs and symptoms for keeping your child at home

Cough

Feeling cold/shivering

Fever (pale or flushed face, glazed eyes, warm forehead, and temperature above 99.6 F)

Sore throat

Unusual lethargy, grouchiness, or weepiness

Unusual unwillingness to get up in the morning

Diarrhea or vomiting, including the night before

Inflamed/pink eyes (may be conjunctivitis)

***Requirements for parents to follow to avoid exposing other children in the classroom to possibly contagious illness are as follows*:**

- Children with a temperature above 99.6F degrees MUST be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If a child vomits or has diarrhea during the night or in the morning before school, that child should be kept at home for 24 hours AFTER the last episode.
- If a child has a productive cough that cannot be controlled with medication, the child should stay home.
- If a child has been diagnosed with a communicable illness such as chickenpox, strep throat, lice, scabies, impetigo, ringworm or conjunctivitis: That child should be kept home for 24 hours after they are symptom-free without using pain medication such as advil, tylenol etc., and are no longer contagious
- Pink eye: If a child has eyes that are red, swollen, itchy, producing purulent drainage, or have a crusty appearance upon awakening, please allow your child at least 24 hours or one full day of rest after an illness before returning to class.