

## MEDICAL/ABSENCE PROCEDURES

In the event of illness, your child's absence should be reported directly to our school nurse. Mrs. Rossello may be reached anytime (leave a message) at 201-807-2281. **However, please call before 8:30 a.m.**

We strongly request that you take a few minutes each morning to observe your child to determine whether or not he or she should be sent to school.

The following are a few suggestions which may help you.

### **Reasons for keeping a child home:**

1. Illness during the night
2. Fever of 99.6 or higher **(keep child home 24 hours after temperature returns to normal)**
3. Complaints of nausea, headache, or abdominal distress
4. Symptoms of communicable disease such as sore throat, reddened eyes, swollen glands, rash
5. **In cases of strep throat, your child must be on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.**

Please notify the school of the following:

1. Any absence
2. If your child is hospitalized
3. If school insurance forms are needed
4. If home tutoring is required
5. If a communicable disease is present
6. If your child complains of nausea, headache, or abdominal distress

A note must be sent to the school in the following instances:

1. After every absence, stating the reason for the absence
2. When a parent/guardian's home, work, or cell telephone number has been changed (this is essential if emergency contact becomes necessary)
3. When you change the emergency person to be contacted in the event you cannot be reached
4. If your child is to be given a prescription medication at school
5. If your child develops an allergy which you have not previously reported to us
6. We must send a child home that vomits in school. Remember...  
*"If you heave, you leave!"*

**In addition, a doctor's note is required for absences of 5 or more consecutive days.**

If you will cooperate with us by checking on your child's health condition each morning, and by not permitting your child to return to school after an illness until he or she is completely well, we will be better able to serve the welfare of our entire student body.

Also, please consider that a child cannot function properly in a classroom situation if he/she is not feeling well or is not well nourished. Please encourage your child to eat a balanced breakfast before coming to school.