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## **Absolute NO-SHOW**

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- **Communicable disease:** mumps, chicken pox, strep throat, scarlet fever, etc. These should be reported to the school immediately so that we may inform the rest of the student population of a possible interaction.
- **Fever, vomiting or diarrhea.** Your child needs to be free of any of these symptoms for 48 hours after the last onset. If we send your child home at 9:30 am on a Monday with any of these symptoms, your child may not return to school until Thursday morning if he/she is symptom free for 48 hours.
- **Coughing**-If your child is coughing constantly and/or coughing up phlegm. Your child must not return to school until they are no longer coughing. Children are working on things all day in class, having a child coughing over these items will spread the illness. If your child comes to school and is coughing and can't cover their mouths each time or can't work productively because of it, you will be called to pick your child up. Please note: If your child has a fever or the flu, coughing is very contagious. Doctors have stated that you are still contagious until the cough is gone.
- **Skin rash** which has not been diagnosed by a doctor.
- **First 48 hours of a common cold** with secretions. Nasal discharge, which is green or opaque yellow, may indicate bacterial infection. Although the child may not feel ill, it is during this phase of the upper respiratory infection that the infection spreads rapidly through respiratory droplet dispersion.
- **Pink eye** and has been given drops by a doctor, your child may not return to school until you have had **24 hours of medication in their eyes. Regardless of what your doctor has stated.**
- **Open Sores/Wounds.** For the protection of your child, please cover any open wound or sores with a bandage.

If your child comes to school with any of the above conditions, they will be sent home. It is your responsibility to have your child picked up from the school as soon as possible. Please have a contact that can pick up your child in case you are away from the area so your child will be comfortable as soon as possible. If we are unable to reach you to pick up your ill child, we will contact your emergency contact to come pick up your child. If the emergency contact isn't available, we will then call those listed on your authorization list. Your child **MUST** be picked up no later than 1 hour from the initial phone call or authorities will be called.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and consideration of others. We will all benefit if the spread of colds, flu and other illnesses can be decreased. If your child will be absent from school. Call or email the office to report the absence. If your child has any of the symptoms above please state this during the call or email so that we can sanitize the classroom as needed.