

# P.S.188a/Annex

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Dear Parents,

Last year we had several instances of children coming to school coughing or with a fever. Children should not be sent to school if they are not feeling well even if they say they want to come in. Sick children risk becoming more ill and may expose classmates, teachers, and other staff to undesirable germs.

Below is a guide you can use when deciding if you should send your child to school or keep him/her home.

*Chicken Pox	Must remain home until 6 days after the appearance of the rash. Contact the school nurse for permission to return.
*Pink Eye	Keep the child home until a doctor has given the okay to return to school.
Strep Throat	Must stay home 24 hours <u>after</u> the start of antibiotics. Temperature must be normal for 24 hours before returning to school
Earache	Consult your doctor.
Fever	Children should not be in school until they are fever-free for 24 hours (without medication).
Vomiting or Diarrhea	Keep your child home until the illness is over and for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine).
*Lice	Notify the nurse if you have treated your child for head lice. Your child must be checked by the nurse and be lice free before returning to school.
*Ringworm	Must stay home until treatment is started. Exposed areas should be covered while in school. Doctor's note is required indicating child is under treatment.
*Impetigo	Must stay home while signs of infection are present. Doctor's note required to return to school.
*Any Rash	ALL CHILDREN WITH UNDOCUMENTED RASHES ARE SENT HOME. Child must bring in a doctor's note to return to school.
Common Cold	Although colds are not excludable, please try to be considerate of your child and his/her classmates. Groggy children should remain home. Children coughing continuously should not be in school.

## **ANY CHILD WITH A SORE THROAT AND FEVER SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE DOCTOR FOR A THROAT CULTURE TO RULE OUT STREP THROAT.**

If you are unsure if you should send your child to school or keep your child home, please call your pediatrician. We understand parents work and many times are unable to immediately pick up their child if he/she becomes sick during the day. It is imperative you have an updated emergency Blue Card with the name of someone who can pick your child up if such a need arises. Children with high fevers who are not picked up in a timely manner will be transported to the hospital by ambulance. The school cannot provide the proper environment for a child who is sick. If you currently do not have any options, please network with parents in your child's class.

If you need help, have questions or concerns, please contact Myrna Pérez Fung, Parent Coordinator. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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