

## Sick Student Policy

## The purpose of our sick policy as it applies to under 18 students is as follows:

- 1. To reduce the spread of illness from the sick child to other children
- To reduce the possibility of the recuperating child returning to school before the child is fully recovered from the illness, which could develop into a more serious illness
- 3. Prevention of the constant spread of colds, flu and diarrhoea

We ask that you assist us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all of our students by helping to reduce the spread of illness from a sick child. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss them with your Principal.

A sick student <u>must</u> stay home where he/she is most relaxed and comfortable. Under 18 students may be sent home if they have any of the specific symptoms listed on this form. **These symptoms are as follows:** 

- 1. a fever of 100 degrees or more
- 2. vomiting within the previous 24 hour period
- 3. diarrhoea within the previous 24 hour period (including recurring episodes of diarrhoea at school)
- 4. a heavy nasal discharge indicative of infection
- 5. a constant cough or sore throat
- 6. a skin rash, excluding diaper rash
- 7. head lice
- 8. symptoms of a communicable disease

Following an illness, a student may return to school once he/she has either been seen by a doctor or it has been determined that the illness is not contagious. (A doctor's clearance may be requested, as necessary.)