

ILLNESS POLICY

Determining how sick a child is can be very difficult. When a child is displaying symptoms which may indicate an illness, we will ask that you take your child to the physician to make a diagnosis as the staff at Joyful Beginnings Preschool does not have the medical training to make these decisions.

If your child is ill at school, it is your responsibility to pick them up within 30 minutes of notification. You will need on file the names of three people who will be able to come and pick up your child in case of an illness. One of the three, one should be able to come immediately.

Please remember it is for the health of all children that we adopt these policies. It is our goal to create a healthy environment for all to enjoy. The following guidelines are based on recommendation by the Health Department:

Your child will be excluded from school if one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. Fever at or above 100 degrees
2. Diarrhea
 - a. Once in a 24 hour period, with fever
 - b. 3 times in one day, without fever
 - c. Abdominal Pain
 - d. Uncontrolled diarrhea
 - e. Bloody, Black or Mucus in stool
3. Vomiting one time with fever
4. Vomiting two times in one 24 hour period without fever
5. Ear Infection not yet seen by a physician or pain persisting longer than three days
6. Excessive coughing, sneezing or thick cloudy yellow/green mucus with a fever or that which persist for 3 days.

If your child is sent home for any of the above symptoms they must remain at home the following day and be fever free (without a fever reducing medication) 24 hours and any symptoms must have abated. When your child is sent home from school, we will send a note stating conditions for return.

We follow the above guidelines because years of experience tell us that children when ill (even mildly ill) are not able to cope in group situations and require rest and one on one care to recuperate from an illness.

I have read and understand the above set policies and regulations concerning medication and illness.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____