



# Kentfield School District

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## When to Miss School

If your child says he/she doesn't feel well, ask yourself,

***"If she were healthy, would I want her near someone with these symptoms?"***

Symptom	Keep your child home if:
<b>Fever</b>	He/she has had a fever of 100° or higher <b><i>in the last 24 hours</i></b> , even if the student is fever free in the morning.
<b>Stomach Ache</b>	He/she has had 1 or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea <b><i>in the last 24 hours</i></b> . Vomiting with evidence of food allergy reaction, food poisoning or other non-infectious cause can be handled on a case-by-case basis.
<b>Sneezing or Runny Nose</b>	He/she is sneezing a lot, and his/her nose won't stop running.
<b>Sore Throat</b>	He/she has tender, swollen glands and a fever of 100° or higher. If your child has STREP THROAT, he/she <b>MUST</b> be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school, even if he/she is feeling better.
<b>Cough</b>	He/she coughs frequently, coughs up phlegm, or the cough sounds like a bark or is accompanied by a sore throat or wheezing.
<b>Ear Ache</b>	His/her pain is constant or severe – a sign of otitis media.
<b>Rash</b>	He/she has a rash that blisters, develops pus, is uncomfortable, or indicates the student might have chicken pox or impetigo. All other rashes must be covered by clothing or bandage.

Sick children seldom, if ever, gain anything by attending school. They are much better off at home where they are most likely to get the necessary care for recovery and early return to school. Keeping ill children at home also protects other children, their family, and the school staff from infection.

**A child must stay home for at least 24 hours after a fever and 24 hours after starting antibiotics.**

If your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat or any other communicable illness, please notify the school office as soon as possible so we can alert the other classroom parents of possible exposure. All notices are anonymous.

For children who need to take medication while at school, parents must provide the school with a Medication Authorization Form signed by a parent and the health care provider. Parents must also provide all medication.