

EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION OF ILL STUDENTS

To provide and maintain a healthy environment for your children, their teachers and the staff at Lake Highland we ask that you review and comply with the following guidelines regarding health conditions that may require your child to stay home from school. Regardless of the severity of the health issue you should not send your child to school if he/she is too uncomfortable to fully participate.

- **Chickenpox**
Your child may return to school once all the lesions have crusted over (usually a period of approximately 5-6 days after the onset of rash).
- **Common Cold**
Your child should not have such a chronic cough that it disturbs class or have nasal drainage that they are unable to manage on their own using proper cough and cold hygiene.
- **Conjunctivitis**
Bloodshot eyes accompanied by swollen lids and discharge are likely infectious. Children with “pink eye” should remain home until they have been treated with antibiotic eye drops for at least 24 hours.
- **Fever**
If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher (orally, or equivalent) they should stay home from school and not return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication such as Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Motrin (ibuprofen).
- **Impetigo**
Your child may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment as long as they are also fever free. Lesions should be covered.
- **Lice**
Students who have been treated for lice must visit the clinic for a check before returning to their classroom. While head lice are not responsible for the spread of any disease, our policy is that children who are infested with lice, evidenced by live insects in their hair, or nits within a quarter inch of the scalp, must remain at home until treated and the nits removed. We ask that parents notify the clinic if their child has lice so that their class and their sibling(s) class(es) may be screened.
- **Ringworm**
Circular scaly patches that are pink at the outer edge and normal skin color toward the center are likely due to a fungal infection that is commonly called ringworm. A child with ringworm may not return to school until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- **Strep Throat**
A child who has been diagnosed with Strep throat may not return to school until they are fever free and have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- **Vomiting and/or diarrhea**
Your child should not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.