

HEALTH OFFICE GUIDELINES

We all want our children to have good attendance and we hope our children are healthy so they will have few absences. There are some occasions, however, when children need to stay home. These guidelines are designed to protect the health of all children.

1. If a child is sent home with a fever, he/she is expected to remain home a full 24 hours fever free (without Tylenol/Advil) before returning to school.
2. If a child vomits during the night or morning, please do not send him/her to school. If a child vomits in school, we will call you to pick him/her up.
3. If a child has been diagnosed with Strep Throat, state law requires he/she must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
4. If a child has been diagnosed with Conjunctivitis (pink eye), he/she must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not send your child to school with a pink eye. This is highly communicable.
5. Chicken Pox requires the child to be home until all pox are scabbed and dry. Clearance from the School Nurse is necessary before the child can re-enter the classroom.
6. It is *very important* that the School Nurse is notified if head lice or nits are found in your child's hair. A child should be *nit free for 24 hours* before returning to school. Clearance from the School Nurse is necessary before the child can re-enter the classroom. *PLEASE BE DILIGENT IN CHECKING YOUR CHILD'S HEAD FREQUENTLY (MULTIPLE TIMES PER WEEK).*
7. If a child needs to be excused from Physical Education, a note from the parent/guardian or primary care provider is required.
8. Parents need to notify the School Nurse if a child is on crutches, has a cast or is in a brace of any kind.
9. No medication, including over-the-counter medications, will be administered to students unless there is a Physician and Parent/Guardian Medication Authorization Form completed. The medication must be in the original prescription bottle or original container. Please refer to the medication policies or ask your School Nurse if you have any questions.

Please call, email or stop in with any questions to any of the above. I am committed to helping ensure that your child and all of the children at John F. Kennedy have a healthy school year.

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