



# West Bloomfield PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

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## **School and Illness: When Should Your Child Stay Home?**

Dear West Bloomfield Preschool Academy Families,

Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult choice. Please know that good health is the most important and safest for all children. A child who is not feeling well is unable to focus and learn while in class. In order for your child to have the optimal learning experience and to control communicable diseases in school, it is important to keep your child home if your child has the following symptoms:

The health policy in the West Bloomfield Preschool and GSRP Handbook states that if your child has the following symptoms s/he will need to stay home until the child is no longer contagious. If your child displays the following symptoms while at school, you will be notified to pick him or her up within an hour of the initial call.

- **Fever-** Your child must be fever free and off of all fever reducing medication for 24 hours before he or she returns to school. Students returning to school before then are more susceptible to illness and may expose others. Please do not give your student medication to treat a fever and then send him or her to school.
- **Vomiting/ Diarrhea-** Your child must stay home until the illness is over. Your child may return to school after he or she been vomit/ diarrhea free for 24 hours without medication.
- **Sore Throat or Tonsillitis-**A minor sore throat is usually not a problem, but a severe sore throat could be a symptom of a more serious illness. If your child is diagnosed with Strep Throat, s/he may not return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.
- **Spots/ Rash-** Do not send your child to school with a rash until your health care provider has diagnosed the rash and states it is safe to return. Upon returning to school, your child will need a note from the doctor stating that it is safe to return to school.
- **Bad Cough/ Cold Symptoms-** A minor cold or allergy symptoms (stuffy nose with **clear drainage**, sneezing, and mild cough) should not be a reason to miss school. If your child's cough is persistent or productive with mucus and accompanied by thick or constant yellow/ green nasal drainage, s/he should be kept home.
- **Eye Inflammation or Discharge-** If your child's eye is read with a cloudy or yellow/ green drainage; matted eyelids after sleep; eye pain, and/ or redness, you should keep your child home. Contact your child's health care provider to see if it is a communicable infection. If your child is diagnosed with pink eye (conjunctivitis), s/he may return to school 24 hours after treatment has begun.

As a rule of thumb, if your child's physician prescribes antibiotics, please inform your child's teacher. This will help control the spread of communicable diseases with the school or classroom. Remember, children go outside daily (weather permitting); if your child is well enough to be in school, then s/he is well enough to go outside.

Thank you,

*The West Bloomfield Preschool Academy*

**If you child is sent home with an illness related to the above, a copy of this form will go home in their folder:**



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To the Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

Your child was sent home from school on \_\_\_\_\_ experiencing the following symptoms and may return as indicated below.

- **Fever of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_AM/PM.** Your child may return to school after being fever free, without medication for 24 hours.
- **Pink Eye Symptoms-** Child must have a doctor's clearance provided before returning.
- **Vomit/Diarrhea** - Must be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning.
- **Undiagnosed Rash** - Child must have a doctor's clearance provided before returning.
- **Persistent cough** - Child may return after symptoms have improved.
- **Cold Symptoms/drainage:** Thick or constant yellow/ green nasal drainage, lethargic, loss of appetite, chills
- **Other** - \_\_\_\_\_

As a State Licensed program we're required to implement these policies, in order to keep staff and students safe. WBSD adheres to Oakland County Health Departments recommendations.

Kind Regards,

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