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Dear Parents,

In order to keep your children and all other children healthy, sick students must stay home from school. If your child has a fever or is coughing or throwing up, they need to stay home from school. If your child comes to the office or the nurse feeling ill, we will take his/her temperature. If there is a fever, we will call and ask that he/she be taken home so he/she can be taken care of. If there is some question about whether or not the child is too sick to be in school, then we will call you and ask your advice. In most cases, children who are not feverish, coughing and/or throwing up should stay in school, however, that is up to you as parents.

If children are out of school because they are sick, they may not come back to school for any reason. This means that if your youngster is sick at home and his/her older brother is playing ball, the young one may not come back to watch the game even if he/she is with you. We want your child to get better and we don't want others exposed to whatever illness he/she might have. Our experience with contagious illness in recent years has reminded us how important it is to keep those illnesses isolated.

This is a common sense policy that has the support of the school committee. As much as you might want to come to take part in an activity, please do not place your child and others at risk. Please do not put anyone in the position of asking you to take a sick child home from an event. Children who are sick belong at home.

Please call me if you have questions or concerns about this policy.

Sincerely,

Don Buckingham
Teaching Principal