When to Keep Your Child at Home

Certain symptoms in children may suggest a communicable disease. ***Children who have experienced the following symptoms WITHIN 24 HOURS of school should be kept home***:

- **FEVER** – Oral temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher, especially when accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, headache and stiff neck, or undiagnosed rash.

- **RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS** – Difficult or rapid breathing or severe coughing; child makes high pitched croupy or whooping sound after they cough; child is unable to lie comfortably due to continuous cough.

- **DIARRHEA** – An increased number of abnormally loose stools in the previous 24 hours. Observe the child for other symptoms such as fever, abdominal pain, or vomiting.

- **VOMITING** – Two or more episodes of vomiting within the previous 24 hours.

- **EYE/NOSE DRAINAGE** – Thick mucus or pus is draining from eyes or nose.

- **PINK EYE** – Child may return 24 hours after the treatment has begun and there is an absence of drainage.

- **SORE THROAT** – Especially when fever or swollen glands in the neck are present.

- **STREP THROAT** – Child may return 24 hours after treatment has begun.

- **CHICKEN POX** – Each sore must be crusted over and no fever present before child can return to class.

- **APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR, UNUSUAL COLOR** – Child looks or acts differently: unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, confused, irritable, difficult to awaken, etc.

- **LICE** – Child may attend school after treatment and when all nits have been removed. <u>Please bring your child to the Main Office for permission to return to class</u>.

- **RASH** – Skin rashes, undiagnosed or contagious.

<u>***RUNNY NOSE:**</u> NCDS is aware that seasonal allergies can occur in young children. However, when the care of this symptom interrupts the daily routine and activities of the classroom, it becomes a hindrance to instruction. <u>If your child presents with an excessively runny nose, which interrupts daily classroom routine and instruction, you will be asked to pick him/her up from school</u>.*