

Mt. Bethel Christian Preschool

When Should My Child Stay Home?

Throughout the year, we are asked this question regularly.

Please notify your teacher or the office if your child is experiencing any illness.

- **FEVER** –Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours or more without fever reducing medicine. Keep in mind fevers are lower during the morning hours.
- **VOMITING** – Your child should be without vomiting for 36 hours or more.
- **DIARRHEA** – Your child should be without diarrhea for 36 hours or more.
- **RUNNY NOSES** – Yellow or green mucous may be related to an infection and your child should not be at school.
- **STREP THROAT** – Your child should be on antibiotics for 36 hours or more.
- **EAR INFECTION** – Your child should be on antibiotics for 24 hours or more.
 - All rashes need to be cleared by a health professional before your child attends school.
- **CHICKEN POX** – Your child may return to school when all lesions are crusted over.
- **HEAD LICE** – Your child may return to school 24 hours after treatment and removal of all individual eggs.
- **PIN WORMS** – Your child may return to school 24 hours after treatment.
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS** – (Pink Eye) Your child may return to school when discharge from eyes has stopped. For bacterial conjunctivitis, 36 hours after starting antibiotic drops. For viral infection, consult a physician.
- **HAND-FOOT-& MOUTH** – Your child may return to school as soon as weeping lesions in the mouth and on their hands have healed.
- **ROTAVIRUS** – Your child should be symptom free (diarrhea) for 36 hours. Symptoms can be present for four to six days.
- **FIFTH DISEASE** – Children are infectious prior to any visible symptoms. There is no need to restrict attendance once the rash has appeared unless he/she feels too ill to attend. This can be a concern for pregnant women.