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Health Policy

State guidelines prohibit children with certain symptoms from attending school. In fairness to our community, please bring your child to school symptom free. When in doubt, please keep your child home. We are required to send children home with the following symptoms:

Diarrhea
Vomiting
Yellow color on eyes or skin
Skin lesions or rashes
Weeping or pus filled eyes
Continuously runny nose
Persistent cough
Stiff neck
Headache
Sore throat
Wheezing or difficulty breathing
Complaints of pain
Lice

If a child cannot manage his or her bodily fluids, they will be sent home. Any physical change that teachers deem to be interfering with your child's participation in activities will require that we remove the ill child from the classroom. We will make your child as comfortable as possible until you are able to make arrangements to pick up your child. **Childcare regulation states that children must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.**

Lice Policy

Head lice infestations have been an occasional problem in our school community, as in schools everywhere. Lice are a communicable health condition that can happen to anyone. They do not indicate a lack of cleanliness or poor care of your child. Lice do not indicate social status or income. They should not be a cause for guilt, embarrassment, or anger. Lice are simply a hassle that must be dealt with and we follow the most current recommendations of the Multnomah County Health Department.

If parents screen the entire family regularly, these parasites can be detected early and controlled. If you have not experienced lice, you may investigate online or ask us for detailed information.

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If we receive reports from three separate families of an occurrence of head lice or we observe signs in one or more children, we will notify parents and conduct a school-wide head check.

If live lice are detected, the child's parents are asked to pick the child up and to complete a lice treatment. If a child has nits but no live lice are detected, he or she may remain in school for the day. The child's parents will be informed and treatment will be expected.

If a child who has been treated for head lice returns to school and nits are detected but no live lice, he or she may remain in school and will be rechecked in a week. The child's parents will be kept informed and if live lice are detected, the child will be sent home again.

We are able to provide more information to parents who would like to educate themselves about prevention and treatment. Also, we have purchased the best lice comb available which may be checked out by parents when needed.

For more information go to www.headlice.org.