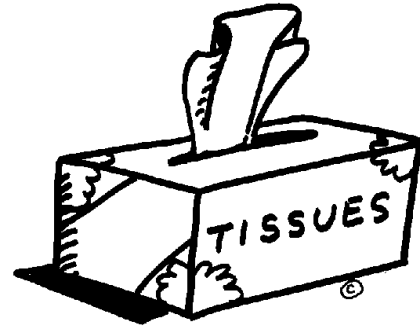


WHEN IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Attending school on a regular basis is important for each child's academic and social development. If your child is absent often, it is harder to keep up with the class. It is recommended by health professionals that your child does not miss more than a few days of school a year due to illness. Parents often have trouble deciding whether their child is too ill to go to school. Here are some guidelines to consider when deciding to send your child to school or keep your child at home.

Your child is too sick to go to school if any of these symptoms are present:

- Has a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit by mouth. When your child has been free of a fever for 24 hours, is feeling better and does not have other symptoms, then your child may return to school.
- Has pain from earache, headache, sore throat, or a recent injury.
- Has a cough that interferes with your child's daily routine.
- Has shortness of breath or an increase in wheezing.
- Has vomiting or diarrhea.
- Has yellow or green drainage from the eye(s).



Consult your physician or school nurse if you have questions about what is contagious or have any other concerns about sending your child to school.

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