

The Villages® *Early Learning Company*

HEALTH POLICY

For the protection of your child as well as the other children in our care, we require that children do not attend school if they appear ill, or have been ill, within the past 24 hours.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases for the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child should not be sent to school with any of the following symptoms:

- ✓ Fever (100 or above) which is apparent within the previous 24 hours, un-medicated
- ✓ Vomiting or diarrhea (more than 1 abnormally loose stool) within the past 24 hours, AND not until they are able to tolerate liquids and solid food without the symptoms returning
- ✓ Any symptom of a childhood disease such as Scarlet Fever, German measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, etc.
- ✓ Sore throat, continual coughing, or croup
- ✓ Any unexplained rash, including Hand, Foot and Mouth disease symptoms
- ✓ Any exposed/open skin lesions, skin infection, boil, impetigo, pink eye, or other infection
- ✓ In the best interest of all our students, students with nits and/or lice will be sent home and require proof of treatment and be NIT FREE before returning

If a child develops a fever or other symptoms of illness while at school, they will be isolated and the parents or guardian will be contacted to take the child home. ***Children must be fever/symptom free for *24 hours before returning to school; typically this requires the child to remain out of school the following day after being sent home (if picked up prior to lunch time and remain symptom free at home, un-medicated, for the "almost 24 hour" period they may return to school the next day, but will be watched closely and sent home if any symptoms return).*** *Some situations may require a longer period for recovery/to ensure the child is not contagious. The director will notify you if this applies to your situation.

A doctor's note will be required for any unexplained rash, possible pink eye, or suspected contagious illnesses before returning. A doctor's note saying the child can return because their illness is NOT contagious will be required if returning to school within 24 hours.

It is extremely important that you keep your child's emergency contact form current. Please notify the school office with changes in your child's medical status or emergency phone numbers.

In order for the school to administer medication of any kind, including diaper cream, insect repellent, or sunscreen, there is a form available in the front office that must be filled out completely.

All medicine must be brought to school by the parent or guardian in its original container with the pharmacy label bearing the child's name for prescriptions, or in the original, UNOPENED container for over the counter medication. All medication must be given to the office staff. NEVER put medicine (including vitamins or ointment of any kind) in a child's back pack or lunch box.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.