



## Illness Policy

In order to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff, please keep your child home from school should s/he exhibit the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Rash, without a doctor's note stating that the rash is not contagious; if the doctor provides such a note the child may attend school
- Diarrhea, defined as runny, loose stools
- Vomiting
- Wheezing
- Strep throat, chickenpox or any other contagious illness
- Lethargy
- Ear pain
- Runny nose that cannot be contained by the child (child cannot wipe his/her nose and/or mucus may make contact with equipment/other children)

If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness, please contact the school so that an Illness Alert, containing information about the condition, symptoms and treatment, can be provided to our families.

If your child develops any of these symptoms at school we will notify you. For your child's comfort and to reduce the possible spread of infection, you must pick your child up within 30 minutes of our phone call.

Children who have been sick may return to the program when:

- They have been symptom-free for 24 hours. If a child has been sent home sick from school the child may not attend school the following day.
- They have been treated with an antibiotic, when appropriate, for at least 24 hours
- They are able to participate comfortably in all typical program activities, including outdoor time
- Your doctor has provided a note stating the child's condition is not contagious and that the child may return to school

The final decision to exclude a child from the program due to illness or suspected illness will be made by the Director.

**I have read and understand the Illness Policy of Northfield Community Nursery School.**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name(s):

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