

## Antilles School Illness Policy

1. If your child is sent home due to illness, he or she may not come back to school, nor attend any of the after school activities/sports that entire day.
2. Any child with an elevated temperature of 100 degrees or above, must remain home until the temperature has been normal (below 99.5 degrees) **without medication**, for 24 hours.
3. If your child vomits or has diarrhea in the morning before school, he or she must stay home. Children should stay home **at least 24 hours after the last episode** of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.
4. All communicable diseases, e.g., strep throat, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, scarlet fever, head lice\*, scabies, ringworm, staphylococcus (to include: folliculitis, impetigo, staph, MRSA/methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) must be reported to the school nurse even if diagnosed on the weekend or over vacation. **Any sore/lesion, resulting from the same, must be in healing stage (no oozing pus) before returning to school and be covered at all times. Your child must be on antibiotics a FULL 48 hours prior to returning to school. Please have your child wear long sleeves/long pants to ensure sores/lesions are covered, in addition to band aids.**
5. Children being treated for most communicable diseases may return after a **full 48 hours** after starting antibiotic therapy (excluding all staphylococcus). Children being treated for ringworm may return to school after 48 hours of treatment, and must keep lesions covered while in school. Children with chicken pox may return to school after five days, and all lesions are dry and scabbed over.

It is important for parents of other students who may have been exposed to communicable diseases to be made aware. The names of affected children are kept confidential. Without adequate information, however, we cannot prevent unnecessary transmission of communicable diseases in school.

\*(see Head Lice Policy)