



INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

It is inevitable that children will get sick, no matter where they are. As children begin to have contact with the world outside that of their own families, they are exposed to viruses and bacteria that are foreign to their bodies. This is the way they build immunities. We cannot, nor would we want to, shield a child completely from the outside world. If we did, the natural immunities a child gains through contact with others would not develop and a simple cold could become a serious illness. However, we do want to protect a child from an unusually high exposure to germs all at once.

For this reason, the staff at MCS takes constant precautions to prevent the spread of disease. Careful hand washing by staff and children can eliminate approximately 75 percent of the risk of spreading the illnesses. Other precautions include separating sick children from those who are well, teaching the children to sneeze or cough covering their mouth, using tissues often and taking extra precautions while using the bathrooms and maintaining sanitary conditions throughout the school.

You, the parents, can help us in our effort to keep your children healthy. We ask your cooperation in the following ways:

1. If your child has been exposed to any contagious respiratory or intestinal tract infection, we ask that you notify us of the exposure.
2. If your child shows any of the following symptoms you will be called and asked to come immediately. Please help us protect the other children by responding promptly. If your child has any of the following symptoms at home, we ask that you keep him/her out of school until the symptoms are gone or until your physician says it is all right to return (with a note signed by the doctor authorizing his/her return to school).

The symptoms include:

- fever greater than 101°F.
- severe coughing - child gets red or blue in the face
- high-pitched croupy or whooping sounds after coughing
- difficult or rapid breathing - especially in younger kids
- yellowish skin or eyes
- pinkeye - tears, redness of eyelid lining, followed by swelling and discharge of pus
- unusual spots or rashes
- sore throat or trouble swallowing
- infected skin patches
- crusty, bright yellow, dry, or gummy areas of skin - possibly accompanied by fever



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- unusually dark, tea colored urine - especially with a fever
- grey or white stool
- headache and stiff neck
- vomiting
- severe itching of body or scalp or scratching of scalp

Parent Agreement

I have read and understand the attached infection control policies, and I agree to abide by them for the protection of my child as well as the other children and staff members at MCS.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian