

Propel EAST Friday Letter

Friday, January 20, 2012

Happy Friday EAST Families,

Winter has certainly set in and with it has come the season of the sniffles. Though we always want our students to come to school, we know that sometimes they must stay home because of illness. This week we wanted to take a moment to review the Allegheny County Health Department's suggestions regarding student attendance and illness. This information can also be found in Propel's Code of Conduct.

The Allegheny County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have provided the following guidelines:

- Your child should not be sent to school hoping that he or she will feel better after arriving.
- Your child should be kept home following a nighttime bout of nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea and watched for further symptoms.
- Your child should remain home if he/she has had a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. A child should have a normal temperature for 24 hours **without fever reducing medicines** before returning to school.
- Whooping Cough: exclude from school until 5 days from start of appropriate antimicrobial treatment.
- Pink Eye: 24 hours after initiation of treatment.
- Strep Throat: 24 hours after initiation of treatment.
- Lice: Until treated with a pediculicidal agent. Seven days after treatment a health care provider or school nurse shall re-examine for infestation.
- Chicken Pox: Six days from the outbreak of the last crop of blisters with all pox marks dried.
- Impetigo, scabies or ringworm: Until judged non-infectious by the physician or 24 hours after initiation of treatment.

Please keep these guidelines in mind whenever your child is not feeling well. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nurse Drane.

Have a happy, safe, and healthy weekend!

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