

# **POLICY FOR EXCLUSION OF A SICK CHILD**

A child with any of the following symptoms will not be allowed under any circumstances to remain at Little Methodist Preschool:

## **COUGH:**

Children that have a cough, producing mucus will be asked to stay home. At this age they are unable to remember to cover their mouths and the germs are then airborne and spread to their friends as well as the teachers.

## **CONJUNCTIVITIS:**

Children with infectious conjunctivitis ("pink eye") with white or yellow discharge can return after they have used antibiotic treatment for 24 hours.

## **EYE/NOSE DRAINAGE:**

Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or nose.

## **FEVER**

A temperature over 99.0 F. A child **must** be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

## **DIARRHEA**

Children must be free from diarrhea for 24 hours with at least 1 regular bowel movement before they will be allowed to return to preschool.

## **IMPETIGO:**

A child is excluded until 24 hours after treatment is initiated.

## **RASH:**

Skin rashes, undiagnosed or contagious.

## **STREP THROAT:**

A child is excluded until 48 hours after initial antibiotic treatment and cessation of fever.

## **VOMITING:**

A child **must** be free of vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

## **CHICKEN POX:**

A child is excluded until 6 days after the onset of rash or until all sores have dried and crusted.

## **LICE:**

Children will not be readmitted until 24 hours after treatment AND must be nit free. The child must be examined by a staff member and the Director will determine if the child can be readmitted.

Little Methodist Preschool is not equipped to care for ill children. When a child comes to school sick, he/she infects other children, staff, and parents. When a child is sick, he/she wants to be resting at home and doesn't want to be in school or interacting with others. Please be considerate of this policy and those around your children. If your child does arrive ill please be prepared to take your child home for the day. Thank you.