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Dear Parents,

With cold and flu season approaching parents often wonder when their child is too sick to go to school. We understand that this is not always an easy question to answer. Please use the following guidelines in helping to determine whether or not to send your son/daughter to school.

It is the Ellsworth Community School District Policy that students exhibiting the following symptoms should not be present in school:

- Fever
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Flu symptoms such as fever/chills
- Severe sore throat or Strep Throat
- Severe cold, with very runny nose and/or bad cough (especially if it kept the child up at night)
- Head Lice (until your child is treated according to the handbook)

A child that is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan ahead of time so you are not caught without a place for your child.

If your child becomes ill at school you will be contacted to come take your son/daughter home. Consequently, it is important that the school has the correct emergency contact information on file. **As per our handbook the child MUST be "fever and flu symptom free" for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.**

The guidelines are meant to serve the best interest of all the children in school. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the school at 231-588-2544.

Respectfully,

Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent

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