

When To Stay Home

Sometimes it can be difficult for a parent to know when to keep their child home from school. In many cases, it is not always obvious. At Princeton Academy, we feel that nothing is more important than your child's health. A healthy boy is ready to learn, participate, contribute and grow!

In general, the best way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases in our school is to follow the "24 hour" rule. If your child has been sick or prescribed a medication by your pediatrician, please keep him home until he is well or on the medication for at least 24 hours.

Fever: Any student with a Fever greater than 100.0 F shall be advised to stay home. The student will be welcomed back to school once he has been fever free for 24 hours.

Conjunctivitis: Any student with "Pink Eye" shall be excluded from school until he has been on prescribed medicated eye drops for 24 hours.

Streptococcal Infection: Any student diagnosed with "Strep Throat" should remain home until he has been on antibiotic for 24 hours.

Gastrointestinal Symptoms: Any student with vomiting or diarrhea should not return to school until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours.

Pediculosis: Students found with live lice in the hair or scalp shall remain home until the physician's recommended treatment has been followed. Upon returning to school, the school nurse will screen your child and confirm that treatment has begun.

Cough: Children whose cough significantly interferes with his or his classmate's ability to concentrate should remain home.

The above recommendations are intended to make your decision whether to send your child in or to keep him home a little easier! Always feel free to call the Health Office at (609) 921-6418.