

**Downe Township Elementary School**  
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## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

### Important Reminder!!!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Since school children work so closely together during the school day and colds/ viruses are spread so easily, we ask for your help to keep all the children healthy.

If your child should experience diarrhea, vomiting, or a temperature above 100 degrees, please keep them home from school. When your child has been free of these symptoms for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, they may return to school. For example, if your child vomits at 7 pm in the evening, they are NOT to come to school the next day.

If your child is sent home with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, they are NOT to come to school the next day. They have to be free of symptoms for a full 24 hours.

Other conditions or symptoms that require that your child is kept home from school are :

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) – pink or red eyes with white or yellow discharge, must receive antibiotic treatment for 24 hours and have a doctor’s note to return to school
- Head lice or nits, until treatment has been administered and all nits (eggs) have been removed, must see nurse before class when returning to school
- Undiagnosed rashes. Child must have a doctor’s note to be able to return to school if any rashes are present
- Anything contagious. Must have doctor’s note upon returning to school

Please call your child’s doctor or the school nurse if you have any questions.

**NEW JERSEY STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU CALL THE SCHOOL TO INFORM THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT. YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE FRONT OFFICE OR NURSE EVEN BEFORE THE SCHOOL OPENS. IF YOU DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO CALL YOU AND VERIFY THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT YOUR CHILD IS NOT IN SCHOOL.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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