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Good afternoon Havenwood Preschool & Kindergarten Families,

Illnesses here at the preschool have been on the rise the last couple of weeks and just today alone we had to exclude sick children from class. Please understand that our policy is not intended to add undo stress to our families, but to keep all our students and staff healthy and safe and to not cause any interruptions in care for other families.

As we continue to stress, our program is not set up to care for sick children. We do not have a nurse on staff, a health suite or additional staff to attend to sick children. All children who are unable to participate in all school activities due to illness should not be in attendance. If we need to call & no one answers, we will move on to the Emergency contact. Someone needs to be here within 20 minutes to pickup your sick child.

Children should stay home if...

- a child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.
- cold and cough symptoms are associated with a fever.
- a child has a persistent, uncontrolled cough with or without fever.
- a child has a stomachache, vomiting or diarrhea.
- a child is complaining about a sore throat, especially with a fever as this could indicate strep throat.
- a child has redness or swelling of the white part of the eye as this could indicate pink eye.
- a child has pain (earache, toothache or headache). Especially if a headache is accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, fever, etc.
- a child has a rash that you do not recognize or if the rash is associated with a fever.
- a child is exhibiting symptoms from a known disease or virus such as Hand-Foot-Mouth.

All children returning to care must be symptom free without the use of medication for a minimum of 24 hours. If a child is taking antibiotics, he/she may return once cleared by a healthcare provider, have taken antibiotics for 24 hours and symptoms have resolved.

Lastly, many of our staff have been greatly affected by student illnesses and we have been limited this year to the number of substitutes we have on call, which means, if there is no coverage due to illness, we will have to close the affected classroom. Therefore, you should develop a back-up plan for your child's care in the event your child is ill and unable to attend school.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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