



October 4, 2021

Dear Preschool Parents,

As we head into colder weather, it is normal for young children to become sick. While the majority of illnesses will be common colds and viruses, we must take extra precautions more now than ever to limit the spread of germs and of course, to make every effort to protect against Covid.

Please review the below information regarding our sick policy. If at any point you have questions about whether or not your child should attend school, please email Jasmine@thechapel.org and we can help you determine the right course of action.

Per the Health Department, students who meet the following criteria should be excluded from school for 10 days, or until they receive an alternate diagnosis from a healthcare provider:

- At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever over 100*, chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose;

OR

- At least **one** of the following symptoms: vomiting, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell

Also, please note the following:

- Before returning to school, a negative Covid test result may be requested if there is any question of diagnosis or exposure.
- If your student has been exposed as a close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) to someone who has tested positive for Covid, your student should remain home.
- If your student or someone else in your home is awaiting Covid test results, your student should remain home.
- If your student begins to present any sign of illness while in class, we will notify you immediately and ask you to come pick them up from school. This is done in the best interest of the other students and staff in the classroom.

Absences: All absences must be emailed to Preschool@thechapel.org or called into the Preschool Office (973-334-2798). Using the Class Dojo App to notify your child's teachers of an absence is not sufficient.

Thank you for doing your part to keep The Chapel Preschool healthy and open!

Jasmine Knaus, Director
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