

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please call the school as soon as possible when you know your child will not be at school. In addition to knowing about your child's attendance, we need to know what symptoms your child is experiencing so that we can monitor the other children for a possible shared illness. On the Bennett Community School Website you will find the Childhood Illness Guide to use for reference. No child can attend school with a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, regardless if other symptoms are displayed. The child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications for fever control before returning to school.

When to keep your child home from school:

- 1) Oral temperature of 100 degrees F and above. NOTE: Your child needs to have a temp of less than 100 degrees F for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing meds before they can return to school.
- 2) Vomiting or diarrhea
- 3) Severe cold and/or uncontrolled cough
- 4) Unexplained skin eruptions or rashes
- 5) Swelling, redness, discomfort, drainage of the eyes
- 6) Any Communicable diseases. If your child is started on an antibiotic, they must be on the antibiotic for at least 24 hours (some diseases require longer: see Childhood Illness Guide) before returning to school.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns

email: angela.swick@bennett.k12.ia.us phone: 563-890-2228. I am available during the school day from 8:30am-1:30pm.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Angela Swick, RN

Web site for the Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

Web site for the Iowa Dept of Public Health: www.idph.state.ia.us