

Student Health

A sick child.....

While it is important for students to be in school, sick children are not prepared to focus on teaching and learning. **If a child is running a fever or has been sick early in the morning, do not send him/her to school.** This is especially important in containing as best as possible the effects of influenzas and other diseases.

Parents must inform the school if their child suffers from any health problem. Parents are required to provide immunization records for their children at the time of registration for diphtheria, whooping cough, polio, measles, German measles and mumps. Parents who choose not to have their children immunized must provide the school with a written statement of this fact.

Should a child become ill with any of the diseases mentioned above or with any non-preventative diseases such as scarlet fever, chicken pox, impetigo or pediculosis (head lice), parents must inform the school. Equally, the school will bring to the parents' attention any suspected cases. It is the parent's responsibility to seek appropriate medical attention or take the necessary action.

A CLSC nurse is available to the school one day each week. The nurse conducts vision and hearing checks on students who have potential problems and makes recommendations for follow-up to their parents. The nurse also verifies the vaccinations and medical records of kindergarten students and coordinates the hepatitis vaccinations for level 4 students. A dental hygienist provides a dental check-up program to some of our students in K-3.

A hurt child.....

Minor bumps, scrapes, and cuts will be looked after by the school staff or daycare staff. If an accident appears to be more serious or if a child becomes sick in school, every attempt will be made to notify parents immediately. **For this reason, it is important for the homeroom teacher, the office, and the daycare to have up-to-date names and phone numbers so someone can be reached quickly.** If no person responsible for the child can be reached, the school staff will have to make the decision whether a child must be seen by a doctor and/or be sent to a hospital at once. Should a child need to be sent to a hospital for medical attention, he/she will be accompanied by a staff member who will remain with the child until a parent or family member arrives. If the student is required to be taken to the hospital by ambulance, **the cost of the ambulance is not covered by the School Board or by the school.** The parents will be responsible for the payment to *Urgence Santé*.

Medication

Students are **NEVER** allowed to have in their possession medication of any kind. If a child is required to take medication while at school, written parental permission must be given to the teacher accompanied by the medication in the **original container** with the doctor's name clearly evident on the label. The medication must be left at the office. Over the counter drug (e.g. Tylenol, Benadryl) cannot be administered unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and sent to school in the container labelled by the pharmacy, with the doctor's name identified.

