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**WHEN TO REFUSE ADMISSION**

**OF A SICK CHILD**

Our children’s areas provide a healthy environment. Therefore, it is imperative that parents bring only healthy children to the classrooms. If a child becomes ill during classroom time, parents will be asked to remove the child for that day. How sick is too sick? In general, you should refuse ill children with the following symptoms:

1. **Fever**

Fever within the previous twenty-four hours.

1. **Vomiting**

Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the previous twenty-four hours.

1. **Childhood Disease Symptoms**

Any symptoms of childhood diseases such as scarlet fever, measles, mumps, chicken pox or whooping cough.

1. **Runny Nose**

Runny nose with any colored discharge.

1. **Sore throat**
2. **Rash**

Any unexplained rash.

1. **Skin infection**

Any skin infection.

1. **Pink Eye**

Pink eye and other eye infections.

1. **Head lice**

Head lice (child should be free of all nits).

Except for the most extenuating circumstances, parents aren’t likely to question workers’ enforcement of an established sick-child policy. And if they do, simply remind them of the Golden Rule: Do unto other parents as you would have them do unto you.