

CAOS Child Illness Policy

Should your child develop one or more of the following symptoms or conditions while at Carle Auditory Oral School, we will contact the parent/guardian to arrange for your child to be picked up. Your child must be picked up as soon as possible. If we are not able to reach a parent/guardian within 15 minutes, we will begin contacting emergency pick – up persons. Please be sure to inform us who will be picking up your child, even if you have listed them as authorized to pick up your child.

COVID-19 ILLNESS POLICY

The following symptoms are associated with COVID-19 infection.

List of Symptoms currently associated with COVID-19 (subject to change)

- Fever 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste
- New loss of smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Due to the ongoing pandemic, children presenting with symptoms from the list above will not be admitted to school. Children will be excluded from school until one of the following conditions are met:

- Child has NEGATIVE COVID test result, child is free of fever/ diarrhea/ vomiting for 24 hours, and COVID related symptoms have improved/ resolved per return to school criteria for diagnosed condition OR
- 10 days have passed since the onset of COVID related symptoms, child is free of fever/diarrhea/vomiting for 24 hours, COVID related symptoms have been improved/ resolved per return to school criteria for diagnosed condition OR
- Letter from medical provider indicating that symptoms are related to another (named) diagnosis and that the child is cleared to return to school.

STANDARD ILLNESS POLICY (for symptoms not related to COVID-19)

Conjunctivitis (pink eye): Unusual tearing, redness of eyelid lining, irritation followed by swelling and/or discharge
May return when: Note from physician stating the child does not have conjunctivitis or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated.

Skin rashes: Yellowish, unusual or persistent rash, severe itching of body or scalp, potentially infectious skin patches that are crusty, dry, scabbed, weepy or gummy
May return when: Note from physician that child is not contagious or condition has been resolved.

Impetigo: Blistery rash that when blisters are open, produce a thick, golden yellow discharge that dries, crusts and adheres to the skin.
May return: 24 hours after treatment has begun and there is no longer discharge.

Head lice: Tiny insects that live primarily on the head and scalp that appear as tiny white or dark ovals and are especially noticeable on the back of the neck and around the ears.
May return when: Lice and nit free. Student must report to school office for head check before returning to class.

Chicken Pox: Low grade fever, vesicular rash (blister-like rash or bumps)
May return when: Child's blisters must be completely scabbed.

Sometimes children are not experiencing the symptoms described above, but are clearly not themselves/ are not able to engage in learning and play at school. If the staff notices that your child is not themselves/ is unable to engage in learning and play at school, staff will call to let you know. Then you can help to determine the best treatment for your child.

Exhibits unusual behavior such as cranky, less active, cries more, loss of appetite, generally uncomfortable, or stomach ache, watery eyes, trouble swallowing, etc.

Date: _____ Time: _____

_____ is being sent home for symptoms marked above. Child may return when conditions marked above are met.

Parent Signature: _____ Staff Signature: _____