Riverside School: Sick Protocol

At Riverside School, the health and safety of our students are top priorities. We follow CDC guidelines and school policy to ensure that illness and injury are handled promptly and appropriately.

If a child reports feeling sick:

1. **Temperature Check:**
    - The child's temperature will be taken by school staff. All teachers have a thermometer.
2. **If the temperature is 100.4°F or higher:**
    - The parent or guardian will be contacted immediately.
    - The child must be **picked up** from school and remain home until fever-free for at least **24 hours without fever-reducing medication**, in accordance with CDC guidance.
3. **If the temperature is below 100°F:**
    - The parent or guardian will be contacted and informed of the child's symptoms.
    - The parent or guardian may decide whether the child should remain at school or be picked up.
4. **If vomiting occurs (once or more):**
    - The parent or guardian will be contacted immediately.
    - The child must be **picked up** and should remain home until **vomit-free for 24 hours** without medication.
5. **If the child has a sore throat <u>with other symptoms</u> (fever, fatigue, swollen glands, or difficulty swallowing):**
    - The parent or guardian will be contacted.
    - The child may need to be **evaluated by a healthcare provider** before returning to school, especially if strep throat or another contagious illness is suspected.

Return to School

- Students may return to school once they have been **symptom-free for 24 hours** without medication (e.g., no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea).

- In cases of certain communicable illnesses (such as strep throat, COVID-19, or influenza), a **doctor's note** may be required for return.