Dear Parents,

Blessed Sacrament C.D.C. is a "well child" center and under no circumstances is an ill child to attend. Children entering the Center must be free of communicable diseases and children who are ill must be kept at home. If a child develops a contagious disease at home, the Center must be notified. Parents will be notified if a child becomes ill while at the Center or a communicable disease develops in any classroom. Children who have exhibited ANY symptoms of infectious illness within a 24 hour period are likely to be contagious and should remain at home:

- **Fever**
- **Vomiting**
- **Uncontrollable Diarrhea**
- **Uncontrolled Breathing**
- **Lethargy**
- **Questionable Skin Abrasion**
- **Head Lice**

Blessed Sacrament's policy is that child is considered ill when the following signs are present: (1) occurrence of 3 consecutive loose stools or vomiting within a 24 hour period*****, (2) their temperature rises to 100.5 degrees F*****, (3) unusual listlessness or drowsiness develops which prevents participation in the daily program, and/or (4) symptoms exist which suggest a contagious disease, such as: chronic colds, any eye infections, head lice, coughs, fevers, vomiting, difficulty breathing, unusual fatigue.

Blessed Sacrament reserves the right to determine whether a child should remain at school or be sent home when illness is a consideration and a doctor's note with permission to return may be requested. **Parents of children who become ill during the day will be promptly be notified and will be required to pick their child up within an hour of being called from our Office**. Any child on prescription medication for a communicable disease may not return to the Center without a Physician's Authorization.

It is the parent's responsibility to inform the director if their child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness so proper notifications can be made. Notice will be posted on the parent information board as well as classroom doors informing parents that their child has been exposed to a contagious illness. For confidentiality reasons, the name of the child with the confirmed illness will not be released. The following diseases will be reported to parents of all enrolled children in/out of attendance the reported day:

- **Chicken Pox (Varicella)**
- **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)**
- **Influenza**
- **Head Lice**
- **Scabies, Impetigo, Ringworm**
- **Fifth Disease**
- **Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease**
- **Rotovirus**
- **RSV (Respiratory Synctial Virus)**

Common colds and allergies should not, unless causing the child to feel uncomfortable, prohibit attendance. We recognize many symptoms may be short lived and we will make every effort to distinguish between those situations and a true illness. We are not at any time able to care for a sick child individually, and any decision regarding sending a child home is well thought out and discussed.

***All children must be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for a 24 hour period before returning to school. Also, if your child has had three instances of either vomiting and/or diarrhea in a 24 hour period, they may not return to school.**