

# SOUTH STREET SCHOOL

**LEADERS: EVERY STUDENT. EVERY CHANCE. EVERY DAY.**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back to South Street! Here are just a few reminders to help get ready for the beginning of a new year.

## Medical changes/updates

Please notify the nurse if the following conditions apply to your child:

- 1) If your child has food allergy, asthma, seizure disorder, diabetes or other medical conditions.
- 2) If your child experiences an urgent care/ ER visit, sprain or fracture, surgery, addition or change in medications, or has a new diagnosis. These conditions will warrant an MD note to return to school and provide us with indication if your child can fully participate in recess/gym.
- 3) If your child has had any changes in their medical status since last year, please let us know.

## Attendance

**If your child is to be absent, please call the attendance office at 801-3142. When your child returns to school, please send in a written note excusing the absence.**

We strive for good attendance for our children, however, there are instances when your child should remain home from school including the following:

- 1) Fever 100.0 or greater
- 2) Vomiting/diarrhea
- 3) Any type of rash. There are several rashes that are highly contagious and for the safety of all children, any rash needs to be diagnosed by a physician. The MD can write a note stating that the rash is not contagious, and therefore your child may return to school.

***(If your child has a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, the child must be without these symptoms and without Tylenol /Motrin for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child was placed on antibiotics by the MD, the child needs to be on the antibiotic for 24 hours before return.)***

### When your child visits the nursing office

It is very common that in the beginning of the school year, your child may frequent the nurses' office. This is perfectly normal. If this becomes a concern, however, your teacher and I will work with you and your child.

You can expect to be notified of a visit to the nurse:

- 1) If your child visits the nurse's office with any of the above symptoms of illness, your child must be picked up in a timely manner, by parent or someone on your emergency contact list. **Please keep your emergency contact list up to date.**
- 2) If your child has experienced a severe injury such as a bump to the head, a laceration requiring stitches etc., we will contact you by phone.
- 3) Any other significant change in medical condition.

### Physicals

Physicals are required if you are a **new student or entering UPK, kindergarten and first grade**. Please make sure this is handed in as soon as possible. In order for it to be considered current, it needs to be dated after 9/5/2018. **If you do not submit a current physical, your child will be placed on the list for the school physician to be examined at no cost to you. The physical will occur in the fall, during school hours, at a time to be determined.**

### Immunizations

- 1) NYS requires immunizations and they need to be provided to the school PRIOR to the first day of school.
- 2) If your child is on a delayed immunization schedule, you will only need to submit a letter from your child's doctor with an appointment date for future immunizations.
- 3) If you have a medical exemption, please call the nurse's office. New York State no longer permits religious exemptions. Please contact your nurse.

### Medication in School

NYS requires schools to have MD orders for all prescription and over the counter medications. If your child requires medications, please contact the nurse for the appropriate forms. Medications will need to be brought in by a parent to the nurse. It should be labeled by pharmacy, unopened, and unexpired.

### Allergies/Parties

Food allergies and dietary restrictions have been increasing in the past few years. As such, in order to ensure all student's safety. Food items will not be permitted into school to celebrate for birthdays/celebrations etc.

### Bathroom accidents

Please provide your child with a change of underwear, pants, shirt and socks in a plastic bag to be kept in their backpacks to have available in the event of a bathroom accident. In the event that your child needs clothes, your child may come home in clothes from the nurse office. If so, you will receive a note from the nurse. Kindly clean and return the clothes ASAP.

I hope you and your child have a wonderful year ahead! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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