

FAQ

When should I keep my child out of school?

In today's academically challenging environment the decision to keep a child out of school due to illness is a difficult one to make. If your child has a fever of >100.0 orally, or if they are exhibiting early cold symptoms that are causing him/her to experience a harsh painful cough, I would ask that you keep your child home. If your child is experiencing nausea or vomiting I would also ask the same. Otherwise I would ask you to abide by your doctor's advice or please feel free to contact me via email or by phone so we may discuss the situation. But please remember, if you choose to send your child to school when they are not feeling their best, make sure that the school has accurate contact numbers so I can reach you in the event they should need to be sent home.

When should I talk to the nurse if my child is sick?

I should be called for any injuries or illnesses where a student is absent for more than 3 days, if there is an impending surgery, or if a student is in a post-operative phase. In addition, I should also be made aware of any psychological/psychiatric conditions, or of any student safety concerns at school or in the home.

What if my child requires medication during school hours?

While every attempt should be made to avoid giving medication at school, it is not always possible and some prescription medications must be scheduled during school hours. If this situation arises, the medication must be brought to the school in the **original pharmacy container** and must be accompanied by a written physician order and parental consent. Students may not carry and self-administer medications unless the physician and I feel it is safe and appropriate. For your convenience and that of your doctor, a medication form is available ([click here to link to form](#)) and may be printed. However any order form from the physician will be accepted.

My child has life-threatening allergies and needs an Epi Pen how is that handled?

At any given time there have been up to 40 students within the school that require an Epi Pen for life-threatening allergies. If your child has such an allergy it is required that the school be notified and provided with the proper medication and physician documentation EVERY SCHOOL YEAR. Epi Pens are stored in the health office and I encourage students who know when and how to use their Epi Pen to carry one in their back-pack or purse. In the event an Epi Pen is used, 911 will be called and your child will be transported to the hospital.

As a new student, what “paperwork” is needed from the doctor?

Any student entering Bishop Feehan for the first time, whether it is as an incoming freshmen or a transfer student, must present written proof of immunizations and a physical examination. In addition, any student that will be participating in sports must have a yearly physical report on file or he/she may not participate in their sport.

What is ImPACT testing and why does my child have to have it done?

The diagnosis and treatment of concussion has undergone radical change over the last few years. In keeping up with these trends, Bishop Feehan participates in computerized, baseline ImPACT neuro-cognitive testing as a pre-requisite to participating in ANY sport in the school. Baseline testing is done for comparative study in the event a student receives a head injury. It is done at various times throughout the school year and the dates are posted on the web site.

Are there medical exceptions to the uniform?

Accidents happen and resulting injuries are often treated with a variety of apparatuses (braces, casts, slings, ace bandages, crutches etc.). Occasionally, due to the bulk of a device being used to treat an injury (such as a knee brace), part of the uniform may not be practical. However, this is rare. For instance, being on crutches does not mean the student may wear a hooded sweatshirt instead of the school sweater! Nor does wearing an air cast or brace on one foot mean the student needs to wear a “flip-flop” on the other foot. In fact, wearing flip-flops or other “backless” shoes when on crutches is a serious safety hazard. If you have questions about the uniform under these circumstances, please contact me.

What happens when my child is on crutches or uses a leg brace?

If your child sustains an injury or has surgery that requires the use of crutches, casts and/or a brace, please have your child see me the day they return to school. For the safety of the student I will evaluate their abilities on the stairs using crutches since Bishop Feehan only has elevator access in Mercy Hall. Also, the teachers understand that when a student is on crutches he/she may leave classes a few minutes early to negotiate the stairs and halls unimpeded by a crowd. If appropriate another student may also accompany them to carry books etc.

Does the school offer flu shots?

Since the advent of H1N1 pandemic, the Attleboro Department of Public Health had partnered with the school to offer seasonal flu shots. Email notifications as well as postings on the Bishop Feehan web site will alert parents as to time and dates of flu clinics to be held at the school for the students. During flu season “fact sheets” will be posted on the Health Office site.