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Hello West Park Families,

This letter is information for you as your child is coming home from school not feeling well and/or is describing COVID-19 related symptoms. As a school we do our best to talk with students to determine if they need to go home, before we call a family member.

Based on information from Manitoba Public Health, when a child leaves school due to illness, the following should happen:

1. Screening:

Please connect with Public Health for direction by either:

- a) Completing the self-screening checklist at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>, and following the recommendation.
- b) Calling Health links at **(204) 788-8200** or toll-free **1-888-315-9257** and following the recommendation.

2. If a COVID test is required:

- a) A negative test result means: Your child can return to school 24 hours after the symptoms are gone.
- b) A positive test result means: You will be guided by Public Health on what to do.
- c) You choose to not have your child tested: Your child must stay home for 10 days from symptom onset and can return after the 10 days, provided they are symptom free.

3. If a COVID test is not required:

- Your child can return to school 24 hours after the symptoms are gone.

To clarify the 24-hour symptom free time, here is an example: if your child goes home at 10:30 AM on Tuesday and is feeling better by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, they do not come back to school on Wednesday. They need to be feeling better for 24 hours before coming back, so would return on Thursday at 9:00 AM.

While your child is home ill, the teacher can provide work. Please keep in touch with the homeroom teacher so that this planning can occur.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.

Sincerely,

Al Jones
Principal