The Baldwin School
Sick Policy

The below is The Baldwin School’s general Sick Policy. Please also follow specific COVID-19 Guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year.

Illness
When it is necessary for a student to be absent from school because of illness, a parent should call the student’s division office and leave a message. Messages will be received and recorded before 8:15 a.m. We urge parents to phone in absences as early as possible. The parent’s message should include the parent’s name, the student’s name, the student’s grade, and the time the call was made. If a student is absent from school for four or more consecutive days she must present a note from her physician upon return. If a student is absent during the school day, she may not attend after-school activities.

A student with a contagious disease will be readmitted to school according to guidelines from Lower Merion Township and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health. Please contact the Lower School Wellness Center (x173), the Middle School Wellness Center (x174) or Upper School Wellness Center (x280) for further information or contact the Wellness Team.

To maintain a healthy community, we ask that you keep your daughter home under these circumstances:
• Temperature greater than 100 degrees within the last 24 hours
• Vomiting within the last 24 hours
• Frequent cough that requires medication
• Copious nasal secretions

Note for 2021-22: The above should be applied in conjunction with the Daily Symptom Check requirement.

Guidelines for Returning to School
• Fever-free without medication for 24 hours
• Ability to tolerate two meals without vomiting
• Cough and nasal secretions that will not interfere with your child’s ability to be in the classroom

Note for 2021-22: Please reference our 2021-22 COVID-19 guidelines for information specific to COVID-19 symptoms and return to school policies. If you have any questions about your daughter’s return to school after being absent for illness, please contact her Division’s nurse or the Wellness Coordinator.

Illness During the School Day
If a student becomes ill or requires first aid during the school day, she should go to her Division’s Wellness Center (or, for younger students, will be taken there by a faculty member). The nurse will work with the student to assess her needs. If the nurse is unavailable, the student should go to her division office (or, for younger students, a faculty member will find assistance).

The student must go to her Division’s Wellness Center to be dismissed due to illness. Students are not permitted to use their cell phones in order to arrange for pick-up without being assessed by a school nurse.