

## IMPORTANT NOTICE



Dear Parents,

As you may or may not be aware, a school mate of your son/daughter has been diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Common symptoms associated with this illness include inflamed, swollen and painful joints, and fatigue. It is important to note that while this condition is not contagious, the medications required for its treatment are immunosuppressive, and therefore significantly reduce this student's capacity to fight infection. We are expecting that this student might be absent periodically from school this year but, while this student is in the classroom, we are hoping that parents and staff can support the family in keeping it as safe as possible. As such, if your child is sick with any of the following, please inform the school so that appropriate notification may be given to the family.

- Fever
- Tonsillitis
- Sore throat
- Respiratory infections/pneumonia
- Chicken pox
- Measles
- Strep throat
- Outbreak of influenza (flu) gastrointestinal symptoms
- Mumps
- Pink eye
- Rubella

For any questions or concerns, please contact the school office, the resource nurse or the family directly.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Child Life Department  
Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital