

# Safety Guidelines for Veritas Christian Academy

- The safety of students, employees, and the public is paramount in all of our operations.
- Employees are responsible for safety and should be alert to any potential hazards.
- All unsafe conditions should be reported to the Facility Manager immediately.
- The Facilities Manager will report the condition to the Headmaster immediately.
- All unsafe conditions will be corrected in a timely manner.
- The Facilities Manager will determine the method of correction with approval from the Headmaster.
- Safety will not be sacrificed in the interest of time or money.
- All safety laws or ordinances will be complied with as quickly as possible. All appropriate inspections will be performed as required by law - Fire, Health, Electrical, Boilers.

## Dispensing Medications

Parents may allow/request medication to be administered to their child during school hours. Medications may be administered by the school nurse, child's teacher, teacher's aide or the administration according to the parent/guardian's permission that is congruent with physician's direction, when applicable.

The school keeps **stocked** medications of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and antacids (calcium carbonate). Permission for **stocked** medications is given through the FACTS family portal and cannot be administered unless this is completed.

For prescription or **non-stocked** medications that families wish to send in, a [Medication Administration Authorization](#) form is to be completed and submitted prior to administration. In lieu of a physician's signature for prescription medications, medications must be in the original bottle with accurate and visible directions from a licensed pharmacist.

## Sickness Guidelines

Here is a quick reference guide to aid in determining whether your child is well enough to attend school. If there is any concern of sickness or infection, please keep children home to prevent spread. The school nurse is available for additional guidance by phone or email. [mwack@veritasnc.org](mailto:mwack@veritasnc.org)

### **SYMPTOM**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Coughing

If your child has a mild, intermittent cough, they may be considered safe to attend. If the cough is consistent (cannot go

	15 minutes without coughing), remain home. This could indicate an infection and is disruptive to instruction time.
Runny Nose	Children with continual running nose (wiping/blowing needed every 10-15 minutes), remain home until this improves.
Fever	A temperature greater than 100.4 is considered a fever and students should not return to school until they are fever free for a 24-hour period without the use of fever-reducing medication.
Sore Throat	Unless accompanied with other symptoms (persistent cough, congestion, fever), consider safe. Please do not send a child to school who feels too poorly to participate.
Ear Infections	Not considered infectious in itself, but the cold that caused the ear infection may be contagious. Use discretion.
Eye Discharge	If discharge is wiped away, and new discharge returns, this should be considered contagious. The child should not attend school until they are on an antibiotic for 24 hours or discharge has cleared completely.
Diarrhea	More than two abnormal or unexplainable loose stools in a single day should be considered infectious and the child should not attend school until at least 24 hours after the last episode.
Vomiting	If a child becomes ill and vomits, he/she should not attend school until at least 24 hours after the last episode.
Lice	If visible lice or nits are reported or discovered on a student during the school day, parents will be notified and early dismissal will be at the parents' discretion. Students and any affected siblings must undergo a pharmacy-approved treatment (prescribed or over-the-counter) prior to returning to school. The student (and siblings) will be examined by the school nurse for any further intervention on the day of return. Additional treatments and exams may be necessary to eradicate parasites.