

Dear Parents,

Pink eye or conjunctivitis is an infection that is **HIGHLY** contagious. It can start as a pink color to the white part of the eye and can be very itchy. When you wake from sleep you can notice that the eye lashes appear to be stuck together and a yellowish substance is on the lashes. The **ONLY** treatment **MUST** be from your doctor. You will need prescription eye drops. Nothing over the counter is effective in curing the infection.

Now for the State regulated policy. Your child must be on the prescribe eye drops for a **FULL 24** hours before returning to school. I need a doctor's note stating that your child has been treated. This should not be a problem since your doctor has to prescribe the drops. Many doctors do not require an appointment and will just write a prescription. Please keep in mind that even if the doctor says your child can return, the child **MUST** have 24 hrs of drops before returning to school.