

## INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

It is the policy of our school to provide happy and healthy learning environment for everyone within our care. Minimizing the spread of infection and communicable diseases plays a huge part in ensuring the health of students and staff. Thus policy is to ensure that procedures are implemented to minimize the source and transmission of infection. We use the standard precautions and infection control techniques to prevent the spread of infection.

In order to minimize the spread of infection, children are sent home, in case if they have

1. Fever
2. An unexplained rash
3. Vomiting
4. Diarrhea
5. Red watery and painful eyes with a yellow discharge.

### Exclusion period

When a child has communicable disease it may be necessary to exclude them from school. Kindly follow the table given below.

DISEASE/ CONDITION	INCUBATION	EXCLUSION OF CASES	EXCLUSION OF CONTACTS
Chicken pox	14-21days	Exclude the school until the vesicles become dry or 10days from appearance of rash	Not excluded
conjunctivitis		Until the treatment has commenced and/ or discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
Giardiasis	7-10days	24 hours after the diarrhea is ceases	Not excluded
Impetigo		Until sores have fully healed or appropriate treatment has commenced and the sores on the open surfaces have been covered	Not excluded
Measles	7-14days	Until at least 5 days from the appearance of rash or until the receipt of medical certificate	Non- immunized contacts should be excluded for 13days from the first day of appearance of rash
Mumps	12-25days	Until 9 days after the onset of swelling or until fully recovered	Not excluded
Head lice		Until appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Scabies	2-6 weeks	Until appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Streptococcal infections including throat and scarlet fever	1-3 days	Until appropriate treatment has commenced and fully recovered	Not excluded

It is parent's responsibility to inform the school about the disease. If the communicable disease is suspected during the school time parents will be contacted to take their child to the doctor.

A student has an infected wound it must be covered with the appropriate dressing.

A good hygiene practice is encouraged at school. E.g. Hand washing; students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands and all toilets have proper washing facility. Coughing and sneezing constantly spread infection. Student and staff are encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with the tissue. Kindly submit fitness certificate from doctor, when the child returns to school after recovering from communicable disease