

Illness Policy

Statement of Intent

The school considers the health and well-being of all children to be of paramount importance. Therefore we will not admit any child into school who appears to be suffering from an infectious illness or disease.

Any child who becomes ill during the course of the school day must be collected and taken home as soon as possible for the child's own comfort and the benefit of others in school.

Procedures

Dealing with illness in school

If a child appears unwell during the school day e.g. has a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or any pain, particularly in the head or stomach, the school secretary will inform the child's parents and ask them to collect the child or send a known carer to collect on their behalf, if necessary.

If a child has a temperature, he/she will be kept cool by removing top clothing, but he/she will be kept away from draughts.

In cases of emergency the child will be taken to the nearest hospital and the parents informed of this.

The responsible person in school will take steps to minimise the risk of cross-infection by ensuring standard hygiene precautions are followed for dealing with body fluids. These are the same for all children and adults, as follows:

- Single use vinyl gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's clothing that is soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.
- Soiled clothing is bagged for parents to collect.
- Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleared using mild disinfectant solution and mops; cloths used are disposed of with the clinical waste.

- Tables and other furniture, furnishings or resources affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using a disinfectant or disposed of as appropriate.

Exclusion from school due to illness

The school will refuse admittance to any child who on arrival has a temperature, sickness and/or diarrhea, or a contagious infection or disease. After sickness and/or diarrhoea, parents are asked to keep children home for 48 hours since the last bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

The school has a list of communicable diseases and current exclusion times, detailed on the Infection Control and Communicable diseases CD-ROM, from the Shropshire Health Protection Agency (phone number - 01743-261353). The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles.

Reporting of 'notifiable diseases'

If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.

Parents must inform the Head teacher if their child is diagnosed with a notifiable disease. When the school is informed officially of the notifiable disease, the Head teacher informs Ofsted and acts on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.

HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis procedure

The HIV viruses, like other viruses such as Hepatitis (A, B and C) are spread through body fluids. Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are applicable as for any other illness- see 'Dealing with illness in school'.

Nits and head lice

Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep their child away until the infestation has cleared.

On identifying cases of head lice, all parents receive written information and are asked to treat their child and all the family immediately if they are found to have head lice.

Detailed information about how to eradicate head lice is available through the Health Protection Agency website - www.hpa.org.uk/publications

This policy was agreed at the Health & Safety Committee on

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Role of signatory.....

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