

Ashgrove Primary School

Policy in Relation to

Infectious Diseases

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VERSION 1:1

Policy Relating To Infectious Diseases

Rationale

It is the intention of the governors and staff of Ashgrove Primary School to be vigilant in relation to the presence of any infectious disease. It is our policy to communicate with parents and, where necessary, medical authorities and to take appropriate measures to minimise any spread of infection.

Procedure

In the event of a member of staff suspecting any form of infection, he/she will consult the official list of infectious diseases and their symptoms in an attempt to identify the condition. The principal or vice-principal will be informed.

Where a common infectious ailment such as chicken pox is identified or where concern persists without identification of the infection, the parents will be contacted by telephone. The matter will be discussed and the parent advised to seek immediate medical advice and to contact the principal or vice-principal either before the child returns or upon return if advised to do so by the doctor.

If it is not possible to make contact by telephone a discreet letter will be used to communicate concern and to ask that medical advice is sought and relayed to school. (Whenever appropriate, letter ID1 will be used.)

Whenever confirmation is made of any infectious disease it will be the school's policy to consult with the parent over any need for exclusion. Direction on exclusion will be taken from the official chart of infectious diseases, or in cases of doubt, after consulting the medical services.

The letter ID2 will be sent to the parents of all children whenever medical advice suggests that such action should be taken. Examples of diseases necessitating whole-school information include meningitis, scabies and impetigo.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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Date:

Dear

I believe that _____ may have a case of _____
as I have noticed the following:

If my concerns are correct, there may be a risk of infection and I would be grateful if you would seek immediate medical advice and relay the findings back to me as soon as possible.

If the school's concerns are unfounded, please accept my apology for the inconvenience. It is important always to act in the best interests of your child and the other children in school.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Peter B Waddell
(Principal)

(ID1)

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Date

Dear Parent

A case of _____ has been identified in school.

Since there is a risk of infection to others, I would request that you act on the following medical advice:

Please accept my apology for the inconvenience. It is important always to act in the best interests of your child and the other children in school. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Peter B Waddell
(Principal)

(ID2)