

Our School – Health Policy



It is possible that at some time during the student's school career, he/she will contract one of the common diseases of childhood. The minimum period of absence required from school for each one is set out as follows:

MEASLES: Exclude for at least 4 days after the rash appears or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced. Unimmunised contacts should be kept at home for 14 days.

GERMAN MEASLES (Rubella): Exclude for at least 4 days from appearance of rash.

CHICKEN POX: Exclude for at least 5 days after the first spots appear, or when blisters have crusted.

MUMPS: Exclude for 9 days from the onset of the swelling and until fully recovered.

HEAD LICE: Exclude until head is completely cleaned, neither nits or lice being present.

INFLUENZA: Exclude for 5 days after the appearance of first symptoms.

RINGWORM: Exclude until a medical certificate is produced stating that lesions are inactive.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Exclude until discharge from eye has ceased.

IMPETIGO: Exclude until treatment starts. Allowed at school if sores are being treated by a doctor, and are covered with a water-tight dressing.

WHOOPING COUGH: Exclude for 14 days from the onset of the whoop or until 5 days from the start of a 14 day course of antibiotic has been completed. Unimmunised students may be excluded.

COVID-19: Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school environment, schools should contact the National Coronavirus Helpline (1800 020 080) which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for further advice.

If a student or a staff member is unwell, they should not attend school or will be required to go home. If they are a suspected COVID-19 case, they should self-isolate and seek testing in accordance with state and territory guidelines. Schools should not conduct COVID-19 testing themselves.

Staff, children and young people at school experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) or flu-like symptoms should be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision, and collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible.

In this situation, where staff, children or a young person are experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19, such persons should continue to practise hand hygiene and physical distancing.

All children and young people with a health care plan should ensure this is up-to-date and that, if required, it provides additional advice on monitoring and identification of the unwell child in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is important that schools also follow situationally appropriate environmental cleaning. For example, if a child spreads droplets (by sneezing or coughing), clean surfaces with disinfectant wipes immediately.

Immunisation records are to be supplied to the school at the time of enrolment.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Students who are sick should be kept at home, both to hasten their recovery and to prevent the spread of the infection. On occasions it becomes necessary for children to be given medication during school hours. Teachers do everything in their power to ensure that the medication is administered as prescribed. They cannot, however, be held responsible for human error in this regard.

No Medication is administered without a written request from a parent or guardian. Please see the Administering Medication Policy

 **Administering of Medication Policy**

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