



HEALTH POLICY

The immunisation status of each child will be checked by the examination of immunisation cards at entry into Kindergarten or Pre Kindergarten and Primary School.

Immunisation, either initial or boosters against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Poliomyelitis (Year 1) are given free by the Health Department. Details are forwarded to parents prior to school visits by the medical team.

Sudden sickness or minor accidents are normally attended to at school. In more serious cases, every endeavour is made to contact parents for children to be taken home. In extreme emergencies, medical attention may be sought before parents are notified at the discretion of the Principal.

In the event of a child suffering from the following, he/she must be excluded from the school for the period stated below:

- **CHICKEN POX (Varicella) NOTIFIABLE DISEASE** – 7 days after onset or when given a medical certificate stating a safe return to school.
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS** – exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
- **GERMAN MEASLES (Rubella) NOTIFIABLE DISEASE** – exclude for 4 days from school and re-admit on recovery, when given a medical certificate stating it is safe to return to school.
- **HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH** - exclude until vesicles have formed crusts that are dry.
- **HEAD LICE (Pediculosis)** – exclude from school until treatment has commenced and live lice are removed from hair.
- **MEASLES NOTIFIABLE DISEASE** – exclude for 4 days after the onset of the rash, in consultation with public health unit staff. 7 days after the appearance of rash or when given a medical certificate stating it is safe to return to school.
- **MUMPS NOTIFIABLE DISEASE** – exclude for 5 days after onset of symptoms and return on until receiving a medical certificate stating it is safe to return to school.
- **RINGWORM (Tinea)** – exclude until receiving anti-fungal treatment for 24 hours.
- **SCABIES (Sarcoptes Scabiei)** – exclude until the day after treatment has commenced.
- **SCHOOL SORES (Impetigo)** – exclude for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing. Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded until the sores are dry.
- **WHOOPING COUGH (Pertussis) NOTIFIABLE DISEASE** – exclude until 5 days after an appropriate antibiotic treatment, or for 21 days from the onset of coughing.

MEDICATION

Any medication to be administered to students during the school day must be accompanied by a Student Medication Request form, found on the school website. The completed form and the medication must be handed in at the front office.

ALLERGIES

One concern, which has increased over time is that of children with a range of allergies. Most are usually mild and rarely serious. However, a few of our children are highly allergic to some foods, insect venom or medication and can suffer an anaphylactic reaction. To support the needs of these children, nuts, nut products and items such as peanut paste have been withdrawn from the school grounds. Children are not to bring these items to school. Parents can assist by giving their children food choices of products that do not contain nuts. Parents need to be aware that traces of peanuts can be found in many foods. Parents need to ensure they are aware of the ingredients of food their children are bringing into the school.

SICK STUDENTS

The Sick Bay is intended for temporary ailments only. Parents will be contacted if their child has had a serious injury and/or is unable to continue with school work. Parent emergency contact details must be kept current in case their child is sick or injured at school. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as this results in your child being upset and spreading the illness or infection to other students and teachers.