

Infectious Diseases Policy

RATIONALE

At Kingswood, we are safe, friendly and organised. Students with infectious diseases need to be managed in a manner that protects their privacy, maintains their health and dignity and ensures the health and safety of all others.

AIM

To provide a safe and healthy workplace for students, staff, parents and visitors.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Whilst it is not uncommon for students to attend schools with minor ailments or injuries, there are a number of identified infectious diseases that require specific considerations including the exclusion of students from school.
- The 'Schedule 7 Minimum Period of Exclusion from Primary Schools and Children's Services Centres for Infectious Diseases Cases and Contacts (Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009)' [School exclusion table](#) outlines the minimum period of exclusion from schools for infectious diseases cases and any person who has been in contact with the infected person.
- To minimise the outbreak of infectious diseases not listed in schedule 7, the Principal has the discretion to advise parents to keep children at home at least 48 hours after the conclusion of last symptoms, e.g. viral gastroenteritis.
- The regulations require the parent/guardian to inform the principal as soon as practicable if the child is infected with any of the diseases listed in the table, or has been in contact with an infected person.
- Patients or contacts shall be prevented from attending school unless they comply with the conditions prescribed in the table.
- All staff will be provided with training relating to infectious and blood-borne diseases, the minimisation of risk and the management of blood and body fluid spills.
- Throughout the year students will be made aware of appropriate information relating to minimising the risk of spreading infectious diseases.

REFERENCES

[Blood Spills and Bodily Fluids Policy](#)
[Infectious Diseases DET Site](#)

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Review

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Nov 2013	Environment & Facilities Sub-Committee	Nov 2016
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