



LLOYD WILLIAMSON
FOUNDATION

The Lloyd Williamson Schools Foundation

**Infectious Diseases
Management Policy**

2024 – 2025

1. Introduction

This policy outlines how we manage infectious diseases at LWSF. We aim to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe and healthy by reducing the risk of spreading infectious diseases. This policy applies to everyone at LWSF, including students, staff, parents/guardians, visitors, and anyone else involved with our school.

We are committed to creating a safe environment by effectively managing infectious disease risks. This means preventing diseases from spreading within our school community.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the current Health and Safety Policy.

2. Definitions

- **Infectious Disease:** Any illness caused by germs that can spread from one person to another.
- **Isolation:** Keeping someone who is sick away from those who are not.
- **Quarantine:** Limiting the movement of people who may have been exposed to a disease to see if they get sick.

3. Responsibilities

- **Principal:** Oversees this policy's implementation and communicates with parents and health authorities.
- **Teachers and Staff:** Follow this policy and report any suspected diseases to the Principal.
- **Parents/Guardians:** Inform the school if a child is diagnosed with an infectious disease and follow the school's guidelines.
- **Students:** Practice good hygiene and report any symptoms to a teacher.

4. Prevention and Control Measures

Hygiene Practices

All staff and children should:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Use hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available.
- Cover coughs and sneezes properly.

Cleaning and Disinfection

The school will:

- Regularly clean classrooms, toilets, and common areas.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces like doorknobs and desks.

Health Education:

The school will:

- Educate students and staff about the importance of hygiene and disease prevention.

Vaccination:

The school will:

- Encourage vaccinations for preventable diseases by following national guidelines.

4. Exclusion and Isolation

Exclusion:

- Students or staff with an infectious disease should stay home until a healthcare provider says they are no longer contagious.
- Parents / guardians must notify the school about their child's illness and its nature.

Isolation at School:

- If someone gets sick with a suspected infectious disease at school, they will be kept in a designated area until they can go home or to a doctor.
- Staff taking care of the child will use personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.

Note: LWSF may ask for medical evidence to confirm a child's fitness to attend school, particularly in cases of chronic illness, frequent absences, serious illness, or infectious diseases. Such requests, when deemed necessary, will be reasonable, clearly communicated, and handled sensitively to support the child's well-being without placing unnecessary burdens on families or the local health authorities.

5. Communication

Internal Communication:

- The school administration team will inform staff and parents about any infectious diseases in the school while keeping details confidential.

External Communication:

- LWSF will report infectious diseases to the local health authority as required.
- LWSF will work with the local / national health authorities as necessary and be proactive in seeking advice and support when managing outbreaks.

6. Staff Training

- LWSF will train staff to recognise symptoms of infectious diseases and use PPE correctly.
- LWSF will provide regular updates and refresher courses on infection control measures.

7. Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every year or after an infectious disease outbreak. The Principal will ensure compliance with this policy and make necessary updates based on public health guidance.

8. References

Further information can be obtained from:

- Public Health England (PHE) Guidelines
- Department for Education (DfE) Health and Safety Guidelines
- National Health Service (NHS) Advice and Information

This policy is designed to keep our school community safe by clearly outlining how we manage infectious diseases. Everyone at LWSF must follow this policy.

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