



St Saviour's Primary School Safe at School Infection Control Policy

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VISION STATEMENT

St Saviour's Primary School is an educational community living out Mercy values each day.

Our Vision is:-

- That each child is valued and respected.
- That each child's giftedness is recognised.
- That each child's potential is realised.
- That each member of the school community strives for goodness.

RATIONALE

St Saviour's Primary School seeks to promote the health and wellbeing of our students. This policy details the guidelines which must be followed to ensure all sick students are cared for immediately and appropriately while ensuring that health risks to other students and staff are minimised. The Public Health legislation requires provisions to minimise the spread of contagious conditions in schools.

VALUES

St Saviour's Primary School is a Catholic Primary School committed to the provision of a safe, healthy and caring environment. This Infection Control Policy reflects the values espoused in the Mission of a Catholic School by promoting respect, responsibility, responsiveness and resourcefulness.

POLICY STATEMENT

St Saviour's Primary School promotes a safe and supportive environment in which members of the school community acquire skills and knowledge to make decisions and perform actions that optimise the health and well-being of all students. Effective infection control practices are in place. This policy outlines the broad principles of infection control and the safe work practices required for the care and treatment of the St Saviour's Primary School community, regardless of their known or presumed infections status, by implementing and following standard precautions and practices.

Contagious conditions include (but are not limited to):

- Diphtheria
- Enterovirus 71 (EV71)
- Gastroenteritis outbreaks
- H1N1 (Swine Flu)
- Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) infection
- Hepatitis A infection
- Measles
- Meningococcal infection
- Parvovirus
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Poliomyelitis
- Rubella
- Typhoid
- Tuberculosis
- Varicella (chicken pox)

DESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES

Minimise the risk of students and staff coming into contact with contagious medical conditions at school.

Principal and Staff Responsibilities:

- Implement local infection control practices
- Communicate and promote infection control practices
- Appropriately allocate funds to implement infection control practices
- Comply with any directions from the Director-General of Queensland Health
- Comply with any order made by the Minister for Health
- Implement the relevant provisions of the Public Health legislation
- Follow local good hygiene and infection control practices
- Communicate, promote and model good hygiene and infection control practices
- Advise the Principal if the teacher knows or reasonably suspects that a student attending the school may have a contagious condition
- Advise the Principal if they themselves have a contagious condition
- If a student becomes ill at school a staff member must monitor the students condition
- A staff member must contact the parent of the student, if the parent cannot collect the student immediately, the emergency contacts must be notified
- If staff reasonably suspects a student may have a contagious condition and that other students may be at risk of contracting the contagious condition, they must advise a parent of their suspicion and notify the parent of their obligation to not send the student to school
- Provide appropriate training for all staff and maintain records of that training
- School staff will give students positive messages about health and wellbeing through lessons and conversations

Parent Responsibilities:

- Parents are not to send their children to school if they know or should reasonably know that they have a contagious condition
- Children with vomiting, diarrhoea and/or conjunctivitis must have commenced treatment and secretions stopped before they return to school. The last occurrence of vomiting/diarrhoea must be at least 24 hours prior to returning to school
- Parents must make every effort to collect their children with a contagious condition from school as soon as possible after being notified by the school

Student Responsibilities:

Students are to follow good hygiene and infection control practices as promoted by the school

DEFINITIONS:

Reference to 'Parents' in this Policy includes Guardians and Caregivers.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:

Queensland Health Minimum Exclusion Schedule

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout_poster.pdf

Infection Control Education Queensland

<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/hazards/infection.html>

REVIEW HISTORY:

Date	Event	Changes / Comments
01/2014	Rev00	Policy Revision
06/2014	Rev01	Minor formatting changes

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