



**St Peter's
Woodlands**

Procedure: Infectious Diseases



1. Overview

Students suffering from infectious diseases shall be excluded from school until a medical certificate is produced or the periods stated in the next section are observed.

2. Exclusion Periods

Whooping Cough	5 days after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles and Rubella	4 days after onset of the rash
Chicken Pox	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 5 days after rash first appears and until all blisters have dried
Mumps	9 days or until swelling goes down
Conjunctivitis	Not until all discharge from eyes has ceased
Gastroenteritis	Not until vomiting and diarrhoea has ceased for at least 48 hours
Head Lice	Until the day after appropriate treatment with preparation that kills both lice and eggs has commenced, or in accordance with published treatment guidelines on the product used
School Sores (Impetigo)	Until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any exposed sores are to be covered with watertight dressings.
Ringworm (Tinea)	Until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

For infectious diseases not listed above, please refer to the document *Staying Healthy – Preventing Infectious Diseases in Early Childhood Education and Care Services*. This document is available on the National Health and Medical Research Council's website as a download.

3. Informing School and Parents/Caregivers

Parents/Caregivers are requested to inform the Deputy Principal/Head of Primary or Head of Early Years (as appropriate, according to the year level of the student) if their child contracts an infectious disease.

If an infectious disease is present at the school, the Deputy Principal/Head of Primary or Head of Early Years (as appropriate) shall inform relevant families in a discreet and professional manner.

At the Principal/Deputy Principal's discretion, a letter informing the School community may be sent out (ie class/year level or whole-school notification). In the Early Learning Centre, a notice may be placed in the front doorway and/or parent noticeboards to inform parents/caregivers instead.

4. Informing Authorities

If required, the Deputy Principal shall be responsible for contacting the SA Health Communicable Disease Control Branch (1300 232 272).

5. Additional Information

All these precautions are designed to reduce the frequency of infectious diseases at school. Viruses and similar infections should also be treated as potentially infectious diseases and a doctor's advice should be sought and heeded.



6. Further Information

Further information regarding this procedure is available from any member of the Executive Leadership Team.

Relevant Legislation

None

Related Policies

CURR-25	Outdoor Education
PRIN-04	Child Protection
PRIN-10	Emergency
PRIN-07	Critical Incident
WHS-34	Skin Protection

Related Procedures & Standard Operating Procedures

WHS-13-01	First Aid – Child is injured
WHS-13-02	First Aid – Child is sick
WHS-13-03	First Aid – Child requires medical attention (offsite)
WHS-13-04	Off-Campus First Aid Overview
WHS-13-05	Infectious Diseases
WHS-13-06	Categories and Processes for Administering Medication and First Aid
WHS-13-07	Anaphylaxis
WHS-13-08	Asthma
WHS-13-09	Food Handling and Storage
WHS-13-11	Administration of Student Medical Plans

Related Forms & Checklists

FORM	Accident & Injury Report Form
FORM	Incident Form
FORM	Medical/First Aid Plan – Ongoing Condition
FORM	Medical/First Aid Plan – Temporary Condition
FORM	Medication Authority

Related Safe Work Practices & Guidance Notes

None

Related Other Documentation

National Health and Medical Research Council <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/>

MANUAL	Staff Procedure Manual
MANUAL	Child Protection Manual
INDUCTION	Contractors



INDUCTION	Staff
INDUCTION	Relief Teacher
INDUCTION	Incursion Visitor
INFORMATION	Student Teacher
INFORMATION	Work Experience Student
FOLDERS	TRTs
FOLDERS	Class/Subject