

Silver Fern International School Policy

Policy Name	Infectious Diseases
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Purpose	This policy aims to provide the school community with guidance to help prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases.
Background	<p>The primary responsibility for the prevention and control of infectious diseases lies with individuals, families and public health authorities; however the School also has an important role to play.</p> <p>The School can support the prevention and control the spread of infectious diseases by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supporting immunisation programs• providing prompt and consistent response to detected or suspected cases of disease <p>The School is not expected to give expert advice or treat students; this is the role of medical practitioners and health authorities as appropriate.</p>
Policy and Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The School will use the New Zealand Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Information & Exclusion List to assist in controlling the spread of infectious diseases.2. The Exclusion List will be used as a guide to exclude children and staff and inform parents of exclusion and non-exclusion periods for infectious diseases.3. We will minimise the spread of potential infectious diseases between children and staff by excluding children who may have an infectious disease or are too ill to attend the school and facilitating the prevention and effective management of acute illness in children.4. If an infectious disease arises at the School we will respond to any symptoms in the following manner:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolate the child from other children.• Ensure the child is comfortable and appropriately supervised.• Contact the child's parents or caregiver. The contact will be informed of the child's condition and asked to collect the child from the School as soon as possible.• Where appropriate, ensure all bedding, towels and clothing are disinfected. These items will be washed separately and if possible air dried in the sun.

- Where appropriate, ensure all resources and play equipment are disinfected.
 - Where appropriate, ensure the classroom(s) and sleep room are disinfected.
 - Provide information in the child's native language to the best of our ability.
 - Inform all families and staff of the presence of an infectious disease.
 - Ensure confidentiality of any personal health related information obtained by the School in relation to any child or their family.
 - If a child or staff member has been unable to attend the School because of an infectious illness, the individual must provide a doctors certificate which specifically states the child/staff member is able to return to the service.
5. Staff and students are given the following advice about how to reduce the risk of passing on infections to others:
- Wash your hands regularly, particularly after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
 - Children are encouraged to blow and wipe their own noses when necessary and to dispose of the soiled tissues hygienically.
 - Do not attend school if you think you may have an infectious illness.
 - Ensure good hand washing procedures (toilet, handling animals, soil, food)
 - Ensure staff wear protective clothing when dealing with accidents. (e.g. gloves)

Referral Documents

HE1215 NZ Ministry of Health Infectious Diseases Information & Exclusion List
 Silver Fern International School Medicine and Child Health Procedure
 Silver Fern International School Sleep Room Procedure
 Silver Fern International School Toileting/Nappy Changing Procedure