

POLICY ON STUDENT ILLNESS

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DEFINITION:

A disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind of a student.

PURPOSE:

The intention of this policy is to provide a healthy and safe environment for our students. Some illnesses and situations require a child to be absent from school to prevent the spread of infection to other children and to allow the child time to rest, recover and be treated for the illness. In order to help keep our children healthy, Dunes International School requires parents to adhere to the guidelines of this policy.

POLICY:

This policy outlines procedures to be followed in the event of a pupil illness. As illnesses are diverse in nature it will not be able to cover all eventualities.

The policy give guidelines on the steps to be taken in case the student is sick during the school working days, which also includes the examination period.

Whether or not you send your child to school will depend on how severe you judge the illness to be. This guidance can help you to make that judgement.

- Is your child well enough to carry out the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
- Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home

To minimise the risk of transmission of infection to other student and staff, the following guidelines are suggested.

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S.NO	DISEASE/ILLNESS	EXCLUSION PERIOD
1	Fever	Until there has been no fever for 24 hours
2	Diarrhoea /Vomiting /stomach pain	Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms have settled.
3	Sore throat	When child feels well/ Until there has been no complaints for 24 hours
4	Cough & cold	If the cold is accompanied by shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, and return to school 24 hours after they are feeling better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP
5	Chickenpox and shingles	Excluded from the school until vesicles become dry/5 days after onset of the rash. Immunocompromised children / adults – should take separate advice from their GP
6	Conjunctivitis (Sore eye)	A child should stay away if eye is discharging until treated for 24hours and/or eye(s) appear normal again
7	Allergic Rash	Until there has been no symptoms for 24 hours
8	German Measles (Rubella) or Measles	5 days from onset of rash /medical certificate of recovery from infection
9	Mumps	9 days from onset of swollen glands / medical certificate of recovery from infection
10	Scabies	Child can return to school the day after treated
11	Scarlet Fever	When child feels well, and 48 hours after start of antibiotics
12	An infected sore or wound	sealed dressing or plaster with proper medication
13	Head lice	Until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor's instructions.

- It is mandatory for all the parents to inform the school, if any student suffers from any communicable diseases to prevent the spread of infection.



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- If a child becomes ill at school, every effort will be made to contact their parents/ guardians and failing that, their emergency contacts. It is therefore important to keep the school informed of any changes to home/mobile nos.
- The child will stay in the school clinic until they are collected by parents/guardians or a known adult nominated by the parent/guardian. In the event of a pupil having an injury during school hours, the school clinic will assess the severity of the injury and make the decision to apply first aid if appropriate. Any significant injury or accident will be reported to the parent immediately and on occasions where a prompt response is required, the school may take the decision to take the student to the Hospital where they will meet up with parents and hand over the child to them. If appropriate, and the severity demands, the school will call an ambulance or take the child directly to the hospital.
- If the parent/guardian wish to monitor the student's temperature during school hours, it will be done only during break timings to avoid class disturbance and it should be communicated via email to student clinic, Cycle supervisors and class teacher.
- For the safety of your child, please do not send the student to school, after administering antihistamines/anti-allergy medication in the morning as it may cause drowsiness/dizziness.
- In case your child requires to use the lift/elevator, kindly provide us with the medical certificate.
- Physical education exemption for any reason on a specific day should be communicated to PE teachers, Cycle supervisors and class teachers via email.

We hope that this Policy offers you some help in assessing whether or not to send your child to school in the event that they may not be well. In issuing these guidelines, we wish to reassure you that your child's health is important to us too.

Principal's Approval	
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