

### HEALTH MANAGEMENT

## **POLICY**

### 1. Purpose

To promote the health, safety, and well-being of all pupils by establishing clear guidelines for managing sickness both at home and during school hours.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to pupils, staff, and parents/guardians.

### **Policy Guidelines**

### A. Sick Pupils at Home

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that sick children do not attend school to prevent the spread of illness.

### 1. Symptoms Requiring Absence

Pupils should remain at home if they exhibit any of the following:

- o Fever of 100°F (38°C) or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- o Persistent cough, sore throat, or difficulty breathing
- o Rash or signs of contagious disease (e.g., chickenpox, measles)
- Unexplained fatigue or body aches

### 2. Notification to School

- Parents/guardians must inform the school as soon as possible when a pupil is absent due to illness.
- The nature of the illness should be communicated to allow the school to monitor potential outbreaks.

### 3. Return to School

- Pupils may return after being symptom-free for 24 hours without medication.
- A doctor's clearance may be required for contagious conditions.

### **B. Sick Pupils in School**

If a pupil becomes unwell during school hours, the following procedures will be followed:

### 1. Identification of Symptoms



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 Teachers and staff should monitor pupils for signs of illness, including fever, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual lethargy.

### 2. Immediate Actions

- o The pupil will be taken to the designated health room or a quiet space.
- The school nurse or first aid officer will assess the pupil's condition.

### 3. Isolation

 Sick pupils will be kept isolated from others to reduce the risk of spreading illness.

### 4. Parental Notification

- o Parents/guardians will be contacted promptly and asked to collect the pupil.
- Clear information on the symptoms and any recommendations for medical attention will be provided.

### C. Medication and Emergency Care

#### 1. Medication Administration

- o Only prescribed medication will be administered with written parental consent.
- Over-the-counter medication requires prior written approval from parents.

### 2. Emergency Situations

 If the pupil's condition appears serious or life-threatening, the child will be sent to the hospital, and parents/guardians will be notified immediately.

### **D. Hygiene and Prevention Measures**

- Pupils and staff are encouraged to practice regular handwashing.
- Classrooms and shared spaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Pupils are discouraged from sharing personal items.

### E. Communicable Disease Management

• In case of a confirmed contagious disease, the school will notify parents/guardians while maintaining confidentiality.



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• Health authorities will be contacted if necessary, following official guidelines.