



Communicative Disease & Infestation Policy

1. Background

1.1 Communicative diseases like:

- a) H1N1 (swine) Flu
- b) influenza,
- c) gastroenteritis,
- d) MRSA (skin infections)
- e) pertussis (whooping cough)
- f) tuberculosis
- g) measles
- h) mumps
- i) chicken pox, and
- j) similar spread rapidly in the close confines of a classroom and the school should ensure the health and safety of all.

2. Legislation

- 2.1 The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996.
- 2.2 The South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996.
- 2.3 Government Gazette Vol.410, No.20372, 10th August 1999.
- 2.4 The Children's Act (Act no. 38 of 2005) as amended.

3. General

3.1 In the interest of public health and learner safety, children displaying symptoms will be sent home as a precautionary action. G 2

3.2 Children with infestations like lice, ring worm, scabies and similar, will also be sent home. Children suffering from these infestations should only return when it is clear or with a doctor's certificate indicating that they no longer pose a threat to other learners.

3.4 Children with lice infestation may only return once the lice and nits (eggs of a louse) have been removed from the hair. The nit sticks to the hair and must be carefully removed using a fine toothed comb or fingers.

3.5 Parents are reminded that this is not a disciplinary process, but a public health procedure.

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