

Sickness and Infection Policy

Introduction

This policy outlines the School's responsibility to provide adequate and appropriate protection to pupils, staff, parents and visitors from the risk of sickness and infection from other individuals and the procedures in place to meet that responsibility.

The Headmaster is responsible for the health of Bluewater employees and anyone else on the premises. This includes the teachers, non-teaching staff, pupils and visitors (including contractors).

Accommodation

The School has a dedicated Infirmary for minor medical treatment and care of children and staff during school hours. It is not the responsibility of the school to provide medical treatment to pupils who are sick.

Parental responsibility

Parents and legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that they do not bring their children to school if they are sick or if they have any known infections that may be passed onto other pupils, staff, parents or visitors.

School responsibility

Pupils or staff who show symptoms of sickness or pose a risk of infection to others will be taken to the school infirmary. The school Nurse will then assess the level of sickness or infection.

Parents or legal guardians of pupils deemed to be sick or to pose a risk of infection to others will be informed by the school office and requested to pick them up from school at the earliest opportunity. The Nurse will also inform the parents or legal guardians when the child may return to school and give any further advice that the parents may require.

Staff deemed to be sick or pose a risk of infection to others will be given sick leave until the risk of infection is clear. Cover arrangements will be put in place by the staff member's immediate supervisor.

Providing information

The School Nurse will provide information to parents and staff on a regular basis about current illnesses being experienced on the Island and in the school.

Record keeping

All visits to the school Nurse are recorded in the school medical book.