

All Saints Catholic Primary School

Infection Control Policy



Developed by: Staff and School Board

Notes: All references to 'Staff members' include Leadership, Administration Staff, Education Support Officers, Teachers and Temporary Relieving Teachers.

All references to 'Parents and Carers' include Grandparents, Relatives, Friends and Volunteers.

Purpose:

All Saints is committed to providing a safe environment for the whole school community. It is our aim to:

- implement clear guidelines for the management of infectious diseases
- provide education, support and resources for staff, parents/carers, students and the wider School community in regards to dealing with infectious diseases
- ensure staff can recognise symptoms of common infectious diseases and are able to deal appropriately with students who become ill at school.

Underlying Principles:

All Saints seeks to provide a safe and supportive environment in which members of the whole school community make decisions and undertake actions that optimise the health and well-being of all staff and students. This policy outlines the broad principles of infection control and the safe work practices required for the care and treatment of members of the All Saints community, regardless of their known or presumed infections status.

Outlined are the standard precautions and practices to be undertaken in dealing with contagious or suspected contagious conditions.

Staff Responsibilities

- Implement, communicate, model, educate and promote local good hygiene and infection control practices
- Appropriately allocate funds to implement infection control practices
- Comply with any directions from SA Health, Minister for Health, Australian Government Department of Health and the Catholic Education Office, and implement the relevant provisions of the Public Health legislation
- To further protect the community, assess the following, if infection control measures are in place:
 - Whether it is safe to attend excursions or allow external providers to come in for incursions
 - Whether it is safe for community gatherings or school tours to go ahead
- Advise the Principal if the teacher knows, or reasonably suspects, that a student attending the school may have a contagious condition
- Advise the Principal if they themselves have a contagious condition
- Monitor a student's condition if they become ill until contact can be made with the parent of the student. If the parent cannot collect the student immediately, the student is to remain in the All Saints First Aid Room until their alternative emergency contacts are notified. If staff reasonably

suspect a student may have a contagious condition and that other students may be at risk of contracting the contagious condition, they must advise a parent of their suspicion and notify the parent of their obligation to not send the student to school

- Give students positive messages about health and wellbeing through lessons, assembly presentations and conversations
- Communicate to the parent body when a student has been verified as having a contagious disease. Refer parents to Public Health advice where available and applicable.

Parent Responsibilities

- Undertake to not send their children to school if they know, or reasonably suspect, that their child/ren have a contagious condition
- Follow advice from the school when correspondence is sent regarding contagious diseases. This may include links to Public Health authorities as well as details regarding exclusion, return to school procedures etc.
- Advise the school if you are returning from travel from an area that is currently subjected to health warnings
- Ensure that children with vomiting, diarrhoea and/or conjunctivitis have commenced treatment and secretions have stopped before they return to school. *The last occurrence of vomiting/diarrhoea must be at least 24 hours prior to returning to school
- Make every effort to collect their children, with a contagious condition, from school as soon as possible after being notified by the school.

Student Responsibilities

- To follow good hygiene and infection control practices as promoted by the school
- To report to the All Saints First Aid Room if exhibiting signs/symptoms of infection whilst at the school.

Support Document

- South Australian Catholic Schools, Enterprise Agreement 2020. Clause 31 Infectious Diseases Leave
- SA Health website, You've Got What? Infectious Disease Information
- First Aid and Infection Control Standards. Department of Education.

Sign: _____ **Date: August 2023**
(Principal)

Sign: _____ **Date: August 2023**
(Chairperson on behalf of School Board)

Date to be reviewed: August 2026