



INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Rationale:

To ensure the health and well-being of all students at EIS-Meadows and to reduce or minimize the spread of illnesses in the school.

Procedure:

1. Children should not be sent to school if they have any of the following:
 - A fever
 - Skin rash
 - Persistent vomiting (until 24 hrs. after the last vomiting episode)
 - Persistent diarrhea (until 24 hrs. after the last diarrhea episode)
 - Persistent severe cough or breathing distress due to an infection
 - Heavy nasal discharge
 - Red, watery, sticky and painful eyes
 - Head Lice
2. All infected or weeping sores or wounds must be covered by a well-sealed antiseptic dressing or plaster.
3. If a student is assessed by the school doctor and deemed to be a possible source of infection to other students, parents will be contacted to take the student home immediately. Students with communicable diseases will have to stay away from school during the entire infective stage of that illness and can return to school when certified by their Pediatrician.
4. Proper medical treatment must be taken and the School health office must be informed if a student is being treated for a medical condition. Parents should also give updated information about their child's underlying chronic illness or change in his/her medication. Those in need of medication at school will have to provide a prescription and authorization letter from the private doctor to the school nurse.
5. Parents must hand over their child/ren's immunization card or a copy of it to the school health office and remember to give the updated phone numbers of both parents, including the guardian if the parent/s are out of town sometimes.



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6. Parents need to make sure their child/ren learn and practice personal hygiene measures like bathing regularly, hand washing, brushing of teeth, maintaining short nails, clean clothes, clean and well combed hair etc. Long hair should be properly tied or plaited/braided. Parents should encourage their child/ren to dress appropriately for the weather.
7. All Staff must ensure students learn and practice personal hygiene measures like correct hand washing, coughing into their sleeve (not hand as this increases the risk of germs being spread), blowing of nose etc.
8. Proper use of toilets and the resources therein should be encouraged.
9. Anyone infested with head lice will not be allowed in school until hair is thoroughly treated and is free from lice. Those with nits or eggs will need to continue treatment e.g. a second application till the newly hatched juvenile lice are also eliminated. Resistant cases, if any, will need to consult a physician. Parents are asked to check their child/ren's head for lice at least twice a week. If lice or nits are found, treatment at home needs to start immediately and report the same to the school nurse. It will be kept confidential. Check other family members as well.
10. Students who are physically unwell and those with the following conditions will not be allowed to swim at the school swimming pool: Conjunctivitis, diarrhea and vomiting, infected open sores and cuts, cold sores or herpes, school sores or impetigo, influenza, ring worm, pinworm, water warts, whooping cough etc.
11. Healthy eating, drinking enough water, getting enough sleep and physical activity are also important, in general, to boost student's immunity and to ensure proper development. Students should eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school. This gives them energy to start the day and learn better.