



## Policy for Infectious Diseases

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* **Philippians 4:13**

**Happiness** is at the heart of the curriculum at Croft Church of England Primary School.

At Croft School, we believe that happiness is... the feeling you get when you help others and contribute to the world; when you work hard at something that was difficult to begin with; when you feel safe, cared for and respected; when you feel confident in your uniqueness and know where you are going.

There is a list of infectious diseases and the isolation periods, in the prospectus and in the Health and Safety manual in the office. Up to date information will be checked online on:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities).

Certain diseases are reportable, in most cases to the Local Health Protection Team (**0113 386 0300**), who will provide advice and information. They will issue guidelines for information to be given to parents where necessary.

If a child contracts Rubella, a notice must be displayed in school, so as to warn any pregnant women. Any pregnant parents or staff in contact with a child with Rubella or Chicken Pox, should seek advice from their GP immediately.

Vulnerable children –some children may be especially vulnerable to infection eg those being treated for leukaemia. If a vulnerable child is exposed to any infectious disease the parents/ carers should be informed immediately so that they may seek medical advice.

Female staff in schools – Pregnancy

Some infections if caught by a pregnant woman can pose a threat to her unborn baby – see Health and Safety Handbook. A documented risk assessment should be completed for pregnant staff.

### Control of Infectious Disease

- As part of the PSHCE curriculum children will be taught to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet and before meals.
- We will ensure that there is a supply of toilet paper, soap and either hand towels or a hand drier in all cloakrooms.
- Children will be encouraged to use tissues when coughing or sneezing.
- Any spills of bodily fluids including: blood, faeces, nasal and eye discharges, saliva and vomit must be cleared up immediately. A kit is available in the staffroom which includes disposable gloves, apron, scoops, absorbent powder, disposal bags and disinfectant wipes. It is imperative that the correct procedures are followed for disposal and that all children are excluded from the area until it is cleared.
- A kit for the disposal of needles is also available in the staffroom in case of discovery in the school grounds. It is imperative that the correct procedures are followed for disposal and that all children are excluded from the area until it is cleared.
- Animals may carry infections. Guidance and information on health and safety can be sought from CLEAPPS. A full risk assessment should be completed for animals in school or visits to farms.

If there is a suspicion that some of the children are part of an outbreak of infection (an unusual number of cases of an infectious disease) the headteacher will inform the Local Health Protection Team.

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