



St Christopher's School Infectious Illness Protocol 2018-19

(Review Date Sept 2019)

The school occasionally experiences illnesses and infections which seem to affect several children at the same time and with the same symptoms. Such illnesses might include:

- Influenza outbreaks
- Illnesses that cause diarrhoea or vomiting
- Colds
- Other infectious conditions

When illnesses and symptoms occur that affect several pupils and/or staff, these are the measures and procedures the school will put in to place:

1. Where possible, expert advice will be sought from doctors and health care professionals. The school will act on this advice.
2. Where appropriate, a letter will be sent home to inform parents of the condition.
3. The cleaning company will be informed of the condition. Tables and contact surfaces like the stair banister will be cleaned with detergent and then antibacterial spray. If necessary a **deep clean** will be ordered for the classrooms, food and eating areas and high risk areas like carpet areas will be cleaned. Head Office will be informed in the event of a Deep Clean request.
4. Children who have vomited will be required to stay home for 48 hours and children with a temperature will be required to stay home until the temperature has normalised, subject to a doctor's advice.
5. All classes will be reminded to clean hands and to practise basic food safety strategies:
 - Wash hands.
 - Sneeze into tissues and throw tissues away.
 - Clean shoes when sitting in carpet area.
 - Not to touch mouth, nose and eyes with unwashed hands.

6. Children who have vomited, run a temperature or have other obvious symptoms: Parents will be contacted during the school day and arrangements made to send them home early where practicable.

7. If there is reasonable cause to suspect the outbreak results from one single factor or source – eg a contaminated area – expert advice will be sought to isolate and decontaminate this area.

8. When appropriate, the local area Health Authority will be contacted for advice.

Signed by Amit Mehta: Proprietor

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