

# *HEALTH*

## **Policy**

At St Mary's School we value care and compassion and will administer to the physical and emotional needs of all members of St Mary's School community.

## **Procedure**

Each child should have his/her medical information completed on the enrolment form. This information is updated annually. However, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that all the necessary details are recorded in full and that the school office is notified immediately of any changes in circumstances such as home address, medical conditions, emergency contact persons and phone numbers.

In the case of minor accidents, the staff will administer suitable first aid. In the event of serious injury, parents will be contacted immediately and appropriate medical assistance sought.

## **Prescribed Medication**

Prescribed medication will only be administered under the following conditions:

- Parents must complete the Medication Authority at the school office.
- The medication should be forwarded to the school in the original packaging with clearly marked instruction. All medication will be kept in a secure place in the school office until required. No medication except asthma inhalers are to be kept in the classroom.
- It is the responsibility of students/parents to collect unused medication
- Parents must notify the school in writing if students are to keep asthma inhalers in their possession

## **Non-prescribed Medication**

- Non-prescribed oral medication including Panadol/Aspirin will not be administered without a completed Medical Authority

# ***INFECTIOUS DISEASES***

The current regulations of the Department of Health concerning re-admission of pupils who have had an infectious disease will be followed.

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Exclusion Period</b>
Chicken Pox	Sufferers should be excluded for at least 7 days after the beginning of the illness and until the last lesion has healed.
Measles	Sufferers should be excluded for at least 7 days from the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced. Contact need not be excluded.
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Mumps	Sufferers should be excluded for at least 14 days after the onset of symptoms. Contact need not be excluded.
Rubella (German Measles)	Sufferers should be excluded for at least 7 days from the appearance of the rash or until medical certificate of recovery is produced. Contact need not be excluded.
Impetigo (School Sores)	Sufferers need not be excluded if lesions are covered. Ringworm is contagious. Except in the case of the scalp, a lesion under treatment, with paint, is accepted as being covered. If an ointment is being used, a dressing must be applied (except on the face, as in the case of impetigo).
Conjunctivitis	Sufferers are to be excluded until discharge from eyes has ceased. Contacts need not be excluded.
Head Lice	Sufferers are excluded until treated. With prior treatment the period of exclusion may be as brief as one day.