



## Infection Prevention and Control Policy

### Introduction:

The Delhi Private School Dubai Infection Prevention and Control Policy provides a set of measures to reduce the spread of infection in school.

The school maintains a clean and hygienic environment to control and prevent infection.

### Measures:

- *Hand Washing* – Hands should always be washed with soap after using the bathroom and before eating or handling food. All cuts and abrasions should be covered with a waterproof dressing.
- *Coughing and Sneezing* – Children and adults are encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue and dispose the tissue appropriately in a bin.
- *Fever and other Symptoms* - Children should not attend school if they have fever, skin rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, heavy nasal discharge, sore and inflamed throat, persistent cough and watery or painful eyes. If a student is absent from school due to fever, he/she must be fever free for 24 hours after the last dose of antipyretic (fever reducing medication) has been used, before resuming school.
- *Wounds* - If a child has an infected or oozing wound it must be covered by a well-sealed dressing.
- *Head Lice* - The primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice lies with the parents of the student. In the event live head lice are found, a letter will be sent to the parents advising appropriate at-home treatment. The student should be seen by a member of the medical team prior to resuming class.
- *Chickenpox* - Children within the school premises suspected to have chickenpox must be brought to the school clinic to be examined by the school nurse to make necessary recommendations. If diagnosed positive, the parents will be asked to take the child home. Children with symptoms must be quarantined until all lesions have scabbed over (usually about 5 days after the onset of rash).
- *Mumps* - All children should have documented evidence of being vaccinated with two doses of MMR vaccine (students may be exempted on medical or religious grounds). If mumps is suspected, the child should be brought to the school clinic to be assessed by the school nurse who will make necessary recommendations. Children with symptoms must be quarantined until a fitness certificate to resume school is provided.
- *Conjunctivitis* - Parents will be contacted, informed of symptoms and advised to see the doctor for confirmation of diagnosis. The child can resume school 24 hours after the infection has cleared or once she/he has had 24 hours of treatment from a doctor.
- *Symptoms of Influenza* - Parents will be contacted immediately and asked to take the child home if the child is found to be a source of infection to other students.