

GRACEFIELD SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Communicable Diseases

Procedures

1. Staff and students are expected to wash their hands:
 - before preparing food
 - before eating
 - after using the toilet
 - before (if possible) and after giving first aid
2. Parents will be asked to keep sick children at home to stop the possibility of infection spreading. The school may insist that a child does not come to school if the child is still contagious. (Clause 14 of the Health Act)
3. Students and staff must wear adequate footwear outside to prevent puncture wounds to feet.
4. Cuts and grazes should always be covered.
5. Staff will wear disposable gloves when giving first aid or dealing with faeces or blood. Gloves should be disposed of after use.
6. Extra care will be taken with blood spills to ensure they are cleaned properly.
7. Used gloves, soiled dressings, etc should be wrapped in plastic bags, and disposed of out of reach of children.
8. Written procedures for first aid will be displayed on first aid cabinets.
9. Confidentiality with regard to disease will be maintained at all times, with regard to the wishes of the person/s concerned and in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.
10. The school will advise the health authorities if the parents of a contagious child are resisting taking the child to a doctor.
11. The Ministry Circular "HIV/AIDS and other Blood-born Viruses," (Circular 1999/21) shall be the guiding document for cases relating to aids and other serious blood-born viruses.

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Principal _____

Chairperson _____