

## Infection Control Policy

Rossall School recognises that pupils and staff will become unwell from time to time during their life at the school. We aim to minimise the spread of infections.

### Procedure

Pupils or staff who shows signs of infection in the form of either diarrhoea or vomiting should take leave from the school for a minimum of 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.

Pupils or staff who have been diagnosed with an infectious disease should take leave from the school, and follow the advice given by their GP.

### Action plan for highly infectious disease:

1.	Identify 'index case'.
2.	Speak with the Headmaster
3.	Liaise with Medical Officer.
4.	Speak with the Health Protection Agency.
5.	The senior nurse will coordinate all enquiries and care through the Medical Centre.
6.	Obtain vaccines- where appropriate, and vaccinate where appropriate and necessary.
7.	Put in place preventable measures- such as isolating the index case, with appropriate care in place
8.	Obtain consent from the pupil/pupil's parents/guardian or staff member for communication with the school population, in an appropriate manner, that a highly infectious disease is present in the school community.
9.	The Headmaster will coordinate the communication to staff, parents and pupils.
10.	GP and nursing team will liaise with the Health Protection Agency.

### Preventative measures:

- Staff and pupil training on hand washing.
- Availability of hand washing facilities throughout the school and where a basin is not available hand gel is made available.
- Effective communication with the nursing team on a daily basis, through providing information on pupil and staff illness and prolonged absence from school.
- Encouraging parents and guardians to keep pupils at home, within the guidelines suggested, preventing the spread of infection within the boarding houses and school at large.

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