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# King William's College, The Buchan School and The Buchan Nursery

## Infection Control Policy

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## Infection Control Policy

King William's College, The Buchan School and The Buchan Nursery (the 'School') recognise that students and staff will become unwell from time to time during their life at the School. If a member of the community is unwell/carrying an infection, they should not be in School. We aim to minimise the spread of infections and the School takes a common-sense approach to infection control. The School maintains the highest standards of cleanliness through the Domestic Bursar's department with particular attention to bathrooms and the Medical Rooms.

### Procedure

Students or staff who show 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. This is reviewed on a case by case basis and the Medical Centre Team are always happy to give advice. Any issues about advice given should be dealt with via the Schools' Complaint's Procedure.

Students or staff who have been diagnosed with an infectious disease should take leave from the School and follow the advice of their GP.

### Action Plan for highly infectious disease:

1	Identify 'index case'
2	Speak with the Principal
3	Liaise with the Medical Officer
4	Speak with the Isle of Man Public Health Directorate
5	The Duty 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 measure – such as isolating the index case, with appropriate care in place.
8	Obtain consent from the student's parents 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 Principal will coordinate the communication to staff, parents and students.
10	GP and the Nursing Team will liaise with the Isle of Man Public Health Directorate.

### Preventative Measures:

- Staff and student training on hand washing (as part of the PSHE programme)
- Availability of hand washing facilities throughout the School and where a basin is not available, hand gel is made available.
- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and/or sneezing.
- Encourage all to dispose of tissues hygienically and to wash hands afterwards.
- Effective communication with the nursing team on a daily basis, through providing information on student and staff illness and prolonged absence from School.
- Encouraging parents and guardians to keep students at home, within the guidelines suggested, preventing the spread of infection within the boarding houses and School at large.
- Wear appropriate PPE when changing nappies, toileting children and when dealing with any other bodily fluids. This must be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- At the nursery, clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use.
- At the nursery, store dummies in individual hygienic dummy boxes, labelled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children.
- Regular cleaning regime and comprehensive cleaning rota throughout the School, including toys, equipment and resources.
- If there is the unfortunate event of an infection outbreak, deep cleaning of the relevant areas will be undertaken.

- Management may refuse access to the School for students, staff or parents if they are deemed contagious where it may have a negative impact on the welfare of other members of the School community.

### **General illness**

The School follows the guidance issued by the Isle of Man government and Public Health Isle of Man.

- Any child who is unwell or has a high temperature should not be sent into school. If the child has had a high temperature they must not return to school until their temperature has returned to normal for at least 24 hours.
- At The Buchan Nursery, children who have been newly prescribed antibiotics must stay at home for the first 48 hours of the course. This is because it is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the nursery day which requires socialising and other children being part of a group setting.
- Children who become ill whilst at school will be sent home as soon as possible. If the child has been sent home with a temperature they must not return to school until their temperature has returned to normal for at least 24 hours.
- All medication sent from home must have been prescribed for the child, it must be labelled with the child's name, name of medication and dosage. The medication must have been prescribed within the last 3 months. Parents of children at KWC and The Buchan School must also notify the Medical Centre for advice on storage of the medication at School. There are separate arrangements at the Buchan Nursery.

### **Infectious diseases**

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – must not return to school before 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- Chickenpox – must not return to school until all spots have crusted over. Usually 5-7 days
- Mumps – Must not return to school for 5 days from the onset of the swelling
- Measles – Must not return to school for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
- Shingles – Can come to school as long as the area is covered.
- Impetigo – Must not come to school for 48 hours after starting antibiotics
- Molluscum Contagiosum – Child can come to school.
- Hand, foot and mouth – Child can come to school, as long as they are well and haven't had a temperature in the last 24 hours
- Slapped cheek- Child can come to school, as long as they are well and haven't had a temperature in the last 24 hours.
- Conjunctivitis – Child can come to school
- Tonsillitis – Child can come to school, as long as they are well and haven't had a temperature in the last 24 hours
- Scabies – Child can return to school after first treatment
- Ringworm – Child can come to school, but treatment is required
- Threadworm – Child can come to school but treatment is required.
- Headlice – Child can return to school after first treatment. It is requested that parents inform the School in the case of headlice so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.

## **Meningitis procedure**

If a parent informs the School that their child has meningitis, advice will be sought from the School Medical Team and the School's Medical Officer. We will follow all guidance given and notify the appropriate authorities, including Social Care Registrations and Inspections if necessary.

## **Immunisation**

The School expect that children are vaccinated in accordance with the government's health policy and their age. We ask that parents inform us if their children are not vaccinated so that we can manage any risks to their own child or other children/staff/parents in the best way possible. In particular, The Head of Nursery must be aware of any children who are not vaccinated within the nursery in accordance with their age.

We make all parents aware that some children in the nursery may not be vaccinated, due to their age, medical reasons or parental choice. The School does not discriminate against children who have not received their immunisations and will not disclose individual details to other parents. However, we will share the risks of infection if children have not had immunisations and ask parents to sign a disclaimer.

We record, or encourage parents to record, information about immunisations on children's registration documents and we update this information as and when necessary, including when the child reaches the age for the appropriate immunisations.

## **Staff vaccinations policy**

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure they keep up-to-date with their vaccinations, as recommended by the NHS vaccination schedule.

If a member of staff is unsure as to whether they are up-to-date, then we recommend that they visit their GP or practice nurse for their own good health.

## Covid-19

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, there is an endemic approach to Covid on the Isle of Man. We will treat Covid as any other illness. i.e. if a member of the community is unwell and/or carrying an infection they should not be in school. Any member of the KWC and Buchan community who tests positive for Covid is advised to:

- record a positive result and stay at home until they have a negative LFD test or until 5 days after the day of the first positive result.
- keep distance from others when positive, stay away from work or sensitive locations.
- stay at home when recovering and seek medical help if required.

Anyone leaving their home when positive is strongly advised to wear face coverings.



Boarding students who test positive will continue to be isolated in the Medical Centre until they return a negative test result or 5 days after the original positive result.

For staff, as with any illness, please follow the School sickness policy which can be found in the Staff Handbook.

### Nursery specific provisions:

At morning drop off, parents are requested to hand over their children and belongings to the staff member at the door. Children will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser to clean their hands.

Parents are able to enter the Nursery with prior arrangement. Collection will be from the Nursery playground at school hour pick-ups or the front door for all late pick-ups.

Parents of pupils starting at the Nursery will be allowed to accompany their children to a taster session in the playground and will be invited inside the building during the settling in session.

If a child displays symptoms of covid, or any other illness, we will contact the parents and ask they are taken home.

They will be welcomed back into the Nursery if they test negative for Covid and otherwise are well enough to attend Nursery.

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