



**St Joseph's School**  
**Balrothery**  
**Tallaght, Dublin 24**  
**Illness and Infection in School Policy**

St. Joseph's Special School uses:

- Infection in School – A Manual for School Personnel – 2006
- Management of infectious diseases in school 2014
- Management of Infectious Diseases in Childcare Facilities and other Childcare Settings

as references when dealing with infection and infectious diseases at school.

1. To ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff, children who are unwell should not be sent to school (even if they have been given Calpol or other painkillers)
2. Emergency contact numbers **MUST** be supplied to the school office to facilitate the speedy collection of an unwell child from the school. If parent/guardian refuse to collect their child from school when they are unwell this will be reported to the Board of Management and the parents/guardians may be asked to meet with a representative of the Board to discuss the matter.
3. If children are returning to school following an illness, school staff should be informed so that any outbreaks of infection can be monitored and the necessary action taken.
4. When a doctor has prescribed a number of days out for a student, the student should not return to school before the set number of days have passed unless they receive a new doctor's note with an earlier return date
5. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should not be sent to school. Should a child develop diarrhoea or vomiting during the school day parents/guardians will be contacted to take the child home. The child cannot return to school for at least 48 hours following their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
6. Children with infectious diseases or a spreading rash should not be sent to school until they have received the all clear from their GP.
7. Children who have had anaesthetic/minor surgical procedures should be kept at home for at least 24 hours.

Further details on a range of infections and illnesses can be found at <http://www.hpsc.ie/hpsc/A-Z/LifeStages/Childcare/>.

### **Review and Monitoring**

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the Board of Management on an annual basis and when the need arises. The Board of Management will ensure that adequate training and support is provided for all staff.

This policy is a collaborative document and is disseminated to the school community.

Storage Procedures: In St. Joseph's School.

**Ratified by Board of Management: November 2017**