

Policy re Infection in School

Should the principal / class teacher suspect a child may have an infectious condition / disease the following procedure will take place.

1. The school principal / class teacher will contact the parent / guardian and request that the child stay out of school and attend a doctor for evaluation and treatment. If considered necessary a relevant letter will be sent to the parents / guardians of the other children in class / school.
2. If the parent / guardian fails to comply with the above recommendations, the school principal will contact the Public Health Services and request that they investigate the matter.
3. The child may return to school when the principal is satisfied that the infection does not impinge on the health and safety of the teachers and children in her class /school. The parent /guardian will be asked to furnish a doctor's letter to this effect.

This policy has been compiled in accordance with information and recommendations compiled for the Health Promotion Unit by Karina M Butler, MB, DCH, MRCPI. The book "Infection in School" a Manual for school personnel was circulated to primary schools by the local Health Board.