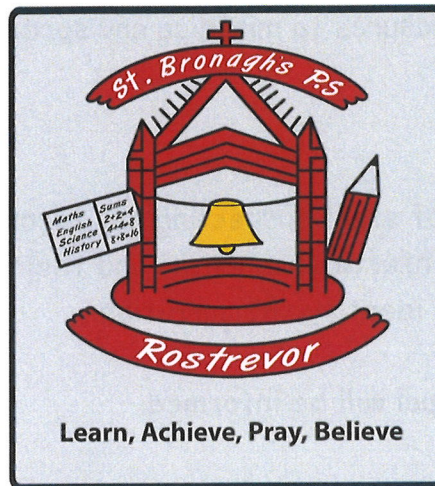


St Bronagh's Primary School



Policy in Relation to Infectious Diseases

Date approved by Board of Governors: 8/11/23.

Review Date Autumn - 2024

Signed 
Chair of Governors

Mission Statement

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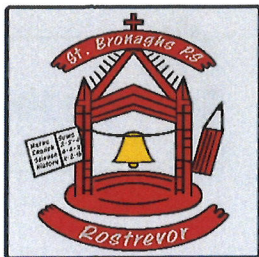
Rationale

- It is the intention of the governors and staff of St Bronagh's Primary School to be vigilant in relation to the presence of any infectious disease.
- It is our policy to communicate with parents and, where necessary, medical authorities and to take appropriate measures to minimise any spread of infection.

Procedure

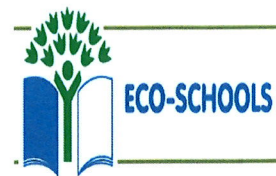
- In the event of a member of staff suspecting any form of infection, he/she will consult the official list of infectious diseases and their symptoms on display in the staffroom in an attempt to identify the condition.
- The principal or vice-principal will be informed.
- Where a common infectious ailment such as chicken pox is identified, or where concern persists without identification of the infection, the parents will be contacted by telephone.
- The matter will be discussed, and the parent advised to seek immediate medical advice and to contact the principal or vice-principal either before the child returns or upon return if advised to do so by the doctor.
- If it is not possible to make contact by telephone, a discreet letter will be used to communicate concern and to ask that medical advice is sought and relayed to school. (Whenever appropriate, letter ID1 will be used - Appendix 1)
- Whenever confirmation is made of any infectious disease, it will be the school's policy to consult with the parent over any need for exclusion.
- Direction on exclusion will be taken from the official chart of infectious diseases, or in cases of doubt, after consulting the medical services.
- The letter ID2 will be sent to the parents of all children whenever medical advice suggests that such action should be taken.
- Examples of diseases necessitating whole school information include meningitis, scabies and impetigo.

Appendix 1



St Bronagh's Primary School,
Rostrevor,
BT34 3BB.

Phone: (028) 4173 8450



Email: jgallagher844@c2kni.net

Learn, Achieve, Pray, Believe.

Re: ID1 letter.

06 November 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We believe that _____ may have a case of _____ as we have noticed the following –

If our concerns are correct, there may be a risk of infection and I would be grateful if you would seek immediate medical advice and relay the findings back to me as soon as possible.

If the school's concerns are unfounded, please accept my apology for the inconvenience. It is important always to act in the best interests of your child and the other children in school.

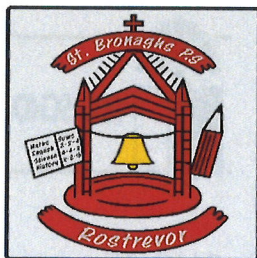
I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

John Gallagher

Principal.

Appendix 2



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Learn, Achieve, Pray, Believe.

Re: ID2 letter.

06 November 2023.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A case of _____ has been identified in school.

Since there is a risk of infection to others, I would request that you act on the following medical advice -

Please accept my apology for the inconvenience. It is important always to act in the best interests of your child and the other children in school.

Yours sincerely,

John Gallagher

Principal.