

**Pinewood School Academy Trust
Sick Child Policy**

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What does this Policy cover?

Pinewood is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children expects everyone connected with this school to share this commitment.

Pinewood has a duty to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children in order for them to be successful learners in a learning environment that is clean, healthy and safe for everyone. Therefore, it is the school's responsibility to help all children who become sick at school in a kind and caring manner.

Who should read this policy and what are its aims?

Intended Audience: Staff, Trustees, Parents/Carers

Key aims of this policy:

- To have in place procedures to deal with all children who become ill at school.
- To ensure parents/carers understand when not to send their child to school if they are unwell.

Pinewood believes that if a child is displaying signs of illness, then a parent/carer has a duty not to send their child to school. Likewise, school personnel have a duty to assess the condition of any child who is thought to be unwell and to contact the parent/carer requesting the child should be taken home.

The school is aware that all children are subject to coughs and colds at some time and these should not prevent them from attending school. But parents/carers are asked not to send their children to school if they are showing signs of vomiting, diarrhoea, any type of rash, flu, chickenpox, mumps, measles or a high temperature.

The school recognises the importance of working closely with parents/carers and believes good lines of communication are in place. But in order to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children, everyone must be aware of their role and responsibilities when a child is displaying signs of illness.

Pinewood believes that it is only correct for a child suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to be absent from school until they are fully recovered. Where appropriate, work will be provided to ensure the child can maintain their education. Pinewood has a duty of care for all pupils and school personnel and, therefore, it is requested that parents consult with their GP before their child returns to school and if needs be, the school will seek advice from the Local Health Authority.

Procedure

Role of the Trustee Board	- The FGB has: - delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to put into place procedures to ensure sick children are identified and are cared for appropriately - responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy
Role of the Headteacher	- The Headteacher will: - protect the health and safety of children and school personnel at all times - ensure procedures are in place and effectively implemented to deal with children taken ill at school; - ensure school personnel and parents are aware of this policy - organise first aid training for all school personnel - ensure that children's records and emergency contact numbers are kept up to date - monitor the effectiveness of this policy
Role of School Personnel	- School personnel will: - ensure compliance with this policy; - receive first aid training in line with the schools CPD program and attend training specific to individual pupils in their immediate care where required. - assess the condition of any child thought to be unwell in a kind and caring manner;

	▪ notify pupil welfare personnel of any pupil taken ill. ▪ After an initial assessment the pupil welfare team will contact parents/carers using the appropriate system depending on severity of illness/injury. Illness/injury that can be managed in school parents will be contacted using the school diary. If the illness could be contagious or is more serious a phone call requesting collection of child will be made. ▪ ensure the comfort of an ill child by staying with them while awaiting the parents to arrive; ▪ seek immediate medical advice if a child is in danger e.g. use "on call medical emergency" if onsite. ▪ If it is an obviously serious incident, then the staff member at the scene must call for an ambulance and then ensure the child's parents are contacted; ▪ escort a child to hospital in the absence of a child's parents/carers ▪ ensure records are kept of all children taken ill and sent home while at school
Role of Parents/Carers	• Parents/carers must: ▪ be aware of this policy ▪ comply with this policy ▪ notify the school of any changes to their contact details; ▪ co-operate with the school by keeping their child at home if they are unwell or showing any signs of vomiting, diarrhoea, any type of rash, flu, chickenpox, mumps, measles or high temperature ▪ consult with their GP if their child is suffering from one of the communicable diseases ▪ inform the school if their child is not their normal self when brought to school but is not showing any signs of illness

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