

Greenwich House Independent School

Illness and Exclusion Policy

Greenwich House Independent School including the Kindergarten and Creche ("Greenwich House") follows the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings (updated 21 March 2021) (the Guidance). A copy of this guidance is attached and the internet link for the same is as follows:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-child-care-facilities>

This policy should also be read together with Greenwich House's Infectious Disease Control Policy.

At the time of the review of this policy, additional and alternative procedures and practices are being followed in respect of **Coronavirus Covid-19** and this policy should be read in light of and subject to these procedures and practices. These procedures and practices have, where appropriate, been provided to employees, parents and carers and pupils as well as other effected parties

Greenwich House aims to promote a healthy environment for the children in our care and we need the parents' co-operation to support this.

If a child is ill and, in particular, if they have an infectious or contagious disease (including sickness and diarrhoea), it is in everybody's best interests, and certainly the kindest type of action for the child, if they do not attend school and they recuperate at home.

If a child becomes ill at Greenwich House, every effort will be made to contact the parents/carers. It is essential, therefore, that Greenwich House is in possession of up to date information in order to be able to contact parents/carers during normal hours. If the parents/carers cannot be contacted, the staff will endeavour to contact the named contacts on the child's record.

If Greenwich House Staff are unable to contact a parent/carer or other named contact Greenwich House reserves the right to take the child to a general practitioner or hospital in an emergency. Parents/carers will be required to give signed consent for this procedure on registering their child at Greenwich House.

Greenwich House also follows HSE recommended guidelines for infectious disease control and any exclusion periods. It is acknowledged that these apply to staff and visitors as well as pupils. Public Health England's Exclusion table can be accessed on the link below:-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789369/Exclusion_table.pdf

Once a child is better, they should return unless they pose a risk of infection to others. They should, in such cases, not return until the risk of infection has passed.

Any advice regarding the correct course of action in individual cases should be referred to a child's parents or carers or their own GP. Parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to Greenwich House.

Greenwich House reserves the right to refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease. The exclusion periods referred to in the Guidance will not preclude Greenwich House exercising this right if a child, particularly a child who is still infectious or contagious, is still unwell and/or taking medication to mitigate an illness. Where appropriate Greenwich House will seek advice and/or act in accordance with guidance obtained from Public Health England.

Notification of exposure to infectious diseases.

If a child contracts an infectious disease, other parents will be informed in writing/email and via the Information Boards located on the premises.

If Greenwich House has reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) regulations 1988, we will inform the local Public Health England Centre , and, if required, Ofsted. We will act on any advice given by Public Health England and, when required inform Ofsted of any action taken. The Health Protection Agency's list of notifiable diseases can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> and is displayed on the Information Boards within the setting.

Further guidance can also be found on the Public Health England website.
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Signed on behalf of the setting by;

..... Head Teacher

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Addition to Illness Policy – Covid 19

There are a few areas that we would like to draw your attention to due to the updated guidance, which we will be working to, to ensure we can keep children, staff and families as safe as possible:

Whilst we are looking forward to welcoming everybody back to school, children who are unwell and have coronavirus symptoms, must not attend school. Children will not be allowed in school if they have received a positive test in the last 10 days, and anyone developing symptoms during the school day will be sent home, told to self-isolate for 10 days and arrange a PCR test. Members of their household do not need to self-isolate if they are fully vaccinated, are below the age of 18 years and 6 months or they cannot get vaccinated for medical reasons, though if a positive result is received it is advised they then would need to take a PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to nursery, childminders, school or college, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

We also urge parents to be in contact with the school should your child be unwell with other illnesses or symptoms.

If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases at Greenwich House or if we are identified as being in an enhanced response area, you might be advised that some control measures need to be temporarily reintroduced.

If a pupil is awaiting collection having developed coronavirus symptoms at school, they will be provided with a room to wait. A window should be opened for fresh air ventilation if possible. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary. Any rooms they use should be cleaned after they have left.