

## CHILDREN'S SAFETY

**Children must not attend school when ill, as this does not help recovery and can spread infection.**

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

Some diseases or illnesses require that the child be absent from school for a certain period of time in order to protect other school children from infection and to ensure that recovery can take place. Children should convalesce at home for the recommended time, listed below, even though a medical certificate may show earlier recovery. Convalescent days refer to calendar days, not school days. Please inform the school when your child has an infectious disease and provide a doctor's certificate.



### **DISEASE RECOVERY PERIOD**

<b>Chicken Pox:</b>	7 days from the appearance of the spots.
<b>Hepatitis A:</b>	<b>Notifiable.</b> Minimum exclusion: 7 days after treatment begun and a medical certificate of clearance needs to be received.
<b>Measles:</b>	5 days from the appearance of the rash.
<b>Mumps:</b>	10 days from the onset of the symptoms.
<b>Rubella</b>	
<b>(German Measles):</b>	7 days from the appearance of the rash.
<b>Scarlet fever:</b>	Excluded until a medical certificate of recovery is given.
<b>Whooping Cough:</b>	Excluded for 5 days until medical certificate of recovery is produced.
<b>Head Lice or</b>	
<b>Scabies:</b>	Absent until effective treatment carried out.
<b>Ringworm,</b>	
<b>School Sores:</b>	Excluded until effective medical treatment has been carried out.
<b>Conjunctivitis:</b>	Excluded until discharge from eyes ceases.
	<b>Fifth disease</b>
<b>(slap face):</b>	Exclusion not required. Not infectious once the rash appears. Fifth disease is generally a mild illness. However, if a pregnant woman is infected during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy, the infection may be transmitted to the foetus. Doctors advice should be obtained.

**We issue bulletins making families aware of infectious diseases as the need or case arises.**

### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

**Please note that no oral medication will be given to students at school without written consent from parents and clearly written Doctor's instructions.** In most circumstances medication should be administered by parents, but if no practical alternative exists, please discuss this with your child's teacher, Deputy Principal or Principal, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For the safety of all children any medication found in a child's possession will be retained at school in a safe place. All medication must have original prescription information ie; a chemist labelled container or package. Please see Front Office staff for the correct medication forms that must be signed by your doctor. If dosage changes a new medication form must be completed by your doctor. A Health Care Plan signed by a doctor is required for Medication to be taken at school.

## **COLLECTION OF SICK CHILDREN**

When sick children are collected from the Student Services Office they must be signed out by an adult or caregiver who is named/authorised on their Student Information Card, located at Front Office. Student Services will then provide a paper slip, which you will need to take to your child's teacher. This will ensure teachers, office staff and parents know the whereabouts of students.



## **FIRST AID PROCEDURES**

If a child is hurt in the playground he / she is seen by the teacher on duty. If necessary the child is sent to the Student Services Office where they are seen by an adult who is trained in First Aid (usually a School Services Officer).

After being given appropriate treatment children with minor injuries are sent back to class. If the injury is serious then parent or caregivers are contacted to come and collect the child. If the parent/caregiver cannot be contacted the child may be transported by ambulance to the hospital.

**PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH CHANGES TO CONTACT NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES.**

## **ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE**

Schools are no longer covered for ambulance transport. Paying of ambulance fees now rests with the parents / guardians. If a child is injured at school or during a school activity and the first-aider considers the need of an ambulance, then an ambulance will be called. The account will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian is not a member of the Ambulance Service or does not have health insurance to cover ambulance services then they may fill out a Statutory Declaration through their Principal requesting the Minister of Education to pay the account. It is advisable to have Ambulance cover - as it covers 24 hours a day.



## **ELIZABETH COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC**

The clinic provides dental care. Parents are expected to take their children over to the clinic on the corner of Oxenham Road and Playford Blvd. The telephone number for the clinic is: 74854000. This service is available for Health Card and Pension Card Holders.

## **CHILD, AND YOUTH HEALTH (C.A.Y.H.)**

The Preschool have regular visits from C.A.Y.H. These visits provide an opportunity for families to access the 4-5 year old health check prior to children starting school. It is a basic health check, vision, hearing, weight, height and balance. The health check offers parents the opportunity to discuss any concerns that they have in relation to their child's growth and children may be referred to the Health Service, if the teacher or parent is concerned in any particular health area. C.A.Y.H. Nurses can be contacted by telephone between 9.00am and 12.00 noon at the number below:

**ELIZABETH REGIONAL OFFICE**  
**Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth City Centre. Phone 8282 2900**

## ROAD SAFETY

There are monitored flashing lights on Woodford Road. This is a 25km zone, which is there to ensure children's safety. Children are expected to use the school crossing if they have to cross Woodford Road. Parents are also asked to use the crossing when with their children.

An excellent time to teach children how to use the crossing is when they first start school and you walk with them.



## COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

### PARENTS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE THE STAFF CAR-PARK TO COLLECT CHILDREN

When collecting children from school by car we **urge** that you;

- \* exercise great care and reduce your speed.
- \* refrain from standing in the 'No Standing Zone' - not even to drop off children.
- \* refrain from double parking.
- \* insist on your children getting out of the car on the footpath side.



It is recommended that children be dropped off and picked up in the appropriate areas on:

- \* Parent Car Park (Not Staff Car Park)
- \* Woodford Road
- \* Amport Street
- \* Clearbury Street
- \* Knighton Road

**Children are not to walk or ride bikes, scooters or skate boards through the Car Parks. Parking Inspectors: Please note the Playford Council Parking Inspectors regularly monitor the "no parking" zone and do issue fines.**