

	<p>Dean Field Community Primary School</p> <p><b>IMMUNISATION POLICY</b></p>	<p><b>Authorisation</b> March 2019 <b>Review</b> 2021</p>
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**Rationale:**

To inform parents and schools about their pupil immunisation responsibilities and exclusion processes during an infectious disease outbreak.

**Definitions:**

- **Vaccination** means having a vaccine – that is, receiving an injection.
- **Immunisation** means both receiving a vaccine and becoming immune to a disease as a result of being vaccinated.
- **Exclusion** is the period of time for which a student is required to not attend school.

**Implementation:**

While responsibility for the prevention and control of infectious diseases is primarily with individuals, families and public health authorities, schools also have an important role to play.

**Schools:**

- are required to request and record the immunisation status of each child, i.e. primary students prior to enrolment,
- must follow exclusion requirements as required, and
- can support the prevention and control of transmission of infectious diseases by:
  - supporting immunisation programs, and
  - providing prompt and consistent response to detected or suspected cases of disease.
- **should not be expected to:**
  - give expert advice or treat students. This is the role of medical practitioners and health authorities, as appropriate.

**Note:** Prior to commencing primary school, children should have received their childhood vaccinations as per the National Immunisation Program Schedule.

External Link:

[Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings](#)

## School Responsibilities – Exclusion Processes

This table details the exclusion processes for pupils

Student	Exclusion Process
Primary Students	<p>The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2018 require children with certain infectious diseases, and children who have been in contact with certain infectious diseases, to be excluded from school for a specified period.</p> <p>During an outbreak of an infectious disease Headteacher of primary students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be aware of and abide by exclusion requirements</li><li>• not allow a child to attend school if:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ they have been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease, that requires exclusion,</li><li>○ they have been informed that a child is a contact of a person</li><li>○ they have not been immunised against a vaccine preventable disease and are directed to do so by the principal and until the principal directs that such attendance can be resumed.</li></ul></li></ul>

### Related legislation

- Public Health England – Guidance on infection control and immunisation

### Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the three-year review cycle, in accordance to the Department's immunisation policies.