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Child Sickness Policy

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Sickness Policy

Introduction

This Sickness Policy outlines the procedures and guidelines to be followed in the event of sickness among children, staff, and visitors at our Shrewsbury International School Phnom Penh

Objectives

- To minimise the transmission of illnesses within the school environment.
- To ensure the well-being and safety of all children, staff, and visitors.
- To provide clear procedures for managing sickness-related situations.

Procedures for Children

1. **Attendance Criteria:** Children should not attend the school if they are unwell or have symptoms of contagious illnesses. Parents are required to inform the school if their child is unwell and provide reasons for absence.

If a child requires medicine to be well, they should not attend school. We will not administer non-prescribed medicine.

2. **Exclusion Period:** Any child who has been diagnosed with a contagious illness (e.g., chickenpox, measles) should be kept at home for the recommended exclusion period.

Children should not attend school until 48 hours have passed since the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Any children with a rash should be seen by a doctor to confirm it is not contagious before returning to school.

A child with a temperature above 37.5 °c should be kept off school for 24 hours from the incident.

3. **Isolation Area:** In cases where a child becomes ill while at school, they will be taken to the nurse's room until they are collected by a parent or guardian. Staff will stay with the child and provide comfort and care.
4. **Communication:** Parents will be informed immediately if their child becomes unwell at the school. They should be prepared to collect their child promptly.
5. **Prescribed medicine:** If a child is prescribed medicine by a doctor who certifies they are well enough to return to school, their medicine should be given to the school nurse who will administer it at the prescribed times.

Procedures for Staff

1. **Reporting Illness:** Staff members are required to report any illness or symptoms of contagious diseases to the designated person in charge. They should not report to work if they are unwell.

Hygiene Measures

1. **Hand Hygiene:** Everyone in the school should observe diligent hand hygiene practices, including regular hand washing and use of hand sanitizers.
2. **Cleaning and Disinfection:** The school will implement regular and thorough cleaning and disinfection protocols, particularly in areas frequented by children, staff, and visitors.

Communication and Training

1. **Parental Communication:** Clear and regular communication will be maintained with parents regarding sickness policies and health guidelines.
2. **Staff Training:** All staff members will receive training on recognizing symptoms of contagious illnesses, as well as implementing hygiene measures and sickness protocols.

Review and Evaluation

This Sickness Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its alignment with the EYFS Framework and any updated guidance from local health authorities. Any incidents related to sickness will be evaluated to identify areas for improvement.

Conclusion

This Sickness Policy is designed to create a supportive and healthy environment for children, staff, and visitors at Shrewsbury International School Phnom Penh.