

## Hygiene Policy

### Rationale

“ In schools, where children are in close and frequent physical contact with one another, infectious diseases can spread rapidly. Outbreaks of infection not only interrupt the schooling of affected children but they can also disrupt the school’s routine. ”

*Teach Germs a Lesson: Infection Control Guidance for Primary and Secondary Schools*

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To prevent the spread of infection, adults will ensure that the following good practices are observed:

- Hands washed after using the toilet- clearly displayed signs and instructions.
- Hand Hygiene is taught through Food Technology in KS3.
- Children with pierced ears are not allowed to try on or share each other’s earrings and make-up.
- A box of tissues is available and children are encouraged to blow and wipe their noses when necessary.
- Soiled tissues are disposed of hygienically.
- Children are encouraged to shield their mouths when coughing.
- Hygiene rules related to bodily fluids are followed with particular care by all staff and volunteers.
- Parents should provide sufficient suitable sanitary wear for girls as required. Supplies can be stored in a named bag in a cupboard in the Ladies’.
- Any spills of blood or vomit are wiped up and disposed of using a Body Fluids Disposal kit.
- Excrement will be flushed down the toilet.
- Disposable gloves are always used when cleaning up spills of body fluids.
- Floors and other affected surfaces are disinfected according to the manufacturer’s instructions, including regular cleaning of fridges and monitoring of contents.
- Pupils with strong bodily odours are suitably advised.
- Pupils with very dirt clothing at the start of the school day are referred to Safeguarding Team who will decide whether outside agencies should be involved or the pupil can be suitably advised.
- Liquid soap is provided in all toilet areas.

