




BISME SCHOOL POLICY INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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SCHOOL POLICY – INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| Name of Disease | Pathogen | Infection Course | Incubation Period | Criteria for coming back to school | Permission Form to Submit when returning to school |
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| Covid-19 | Novel Virus SARS-CoV-2 | Droplet Infection | 1-14 Days | 14 Days self-isolation. Children need to stay at home from onset of symptoms. | <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Doctor's certificate and permission form for infectious diseases which parents need to fill out, (please download from website or request from Admissions).</p>  |
| Influenza | Influenza Virus | Droplet Infection | 1-2 Days | 2 Days after fever subsides. Children need to stay home at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms. | |
| Whooping cough | Bordetella pertussis | Droplet Infection | 7-14 Days | Until the typical cough disappears or when the child completes 5 days antibiotics therapy. | |
| Measles | Measles Virus | Airborne/Droplet Infection | 9 – 12 Days | 3 Days after fever subsides. | |
| Mumps | Mumps Virus | Droplet Infection | 14-21 Days | Child needs to stay at home for 5 days from onset of swelling and until child becomes well. | |
| Rubella/German Measles | Rubella Virus | Droplet Infection | 14-21 Days | Until rash disappears. | |
| Chickenpox | Varicella-Zoster Virus | Airborne/Droplet Infection | 10-15 Days | Until blisters become clustered. | |
| Strep Throat | Streptococcus pyogenes | Droplet Infection | 2-7 Days | The child is allowed to return to school 24 hours after antibiotics therapy if they feel well. | |
| Impetigo | Staphylococcus aureus | Contact Infection | 2-10 Days | Child can stay in school if he/she is well but skin rash needs to be covered. | |
| Hand, foot and mouth disease | Coxsackie Virus | Droplet Infection | 3-6 Days | Child can stay at school if he/she feels well enough | |
| Apple fever | Parvo Virus | Droplet Infection | 7-14 Days | Child can stay at school if he/she is well enough. Pregnant women need to avoid making contact with infected person. | |
| Headlice | Pediculus humanis capitis | Contact Infection | | When headlice and nits have been cleared. | |
| Epidemic gastroenteritis | Noro Virus | Oral Droplet Infection | 1-2 Days | Child can return to school if free from vomit/diarrhea and well. | |

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| Conjunctivitis | Adeno Virus | Droplet Infection | 5-7 Days | 2 Days after main symptoms | |
| Pneumonia | Mycoplasma Virus | Droplet Infection | 1-4 Weeks | When Doctor gives permission to return to school | Doctor's certificate |
| Tuberculosis | Tubercle Bacilli | Airborne/Droplet Infection | 25-36 Days | When Doctor gives permission to return to school | Doctor's certificate |
| Salmonella | Salmonella bongori | Oral Infection | 4 Hours – 1 Day | 4-7 Days after fever subsides. Children need to stay home at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms. | Doctor's certificate |
| E-Coli | O157:H7 | Oral Infection | 2-7 Days | When Doctor gives permission to return to school | Doctor's certificate |