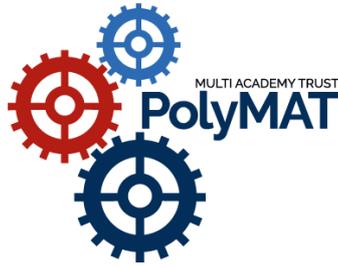




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CONTROL OF INFECTIONS POLICY

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1. Statement of Intent

The Health and Safety at Work Act imposes a duty on employers to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the health safety and welfare of employees and others (this includes visitors and pupils.) There are several Regulations which relate to the Trust's legal obligations to control, manage and report infections which include:-

- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences (RIDDOR)
- The Public Health (Control of Diseases)
- The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Regulations
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations
- Food Safety Act
- The Health Protection (Notification) Regulations

The Trustees and Local Academy Committee are committed to safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils and visitors so far as is reasonably practicable. The Trustees and Local Academy Committee members have a duty of care to volunteers and agency staff/consultants who are not employees and who may be affected by their work activities.

The policy applies to all relevant Trust activities and is written in compliance with all current UK health and safety legislation and has been consulted with staff and their safety representatives (Trade Union and/or Health and Safety Representatives).

Communicable disease can constitute a health and safety hazard to anyone entering the School and this policy aims to ensure that such risks are reduced wherever possible.

This policy provides a clear framework for ensuring that the school management, all employees and visitors have clear procedures for the prevention and control of infections in the school.

This control of infections policy covers and applies to all work and teaching activities undertaken by the Trust and sets out clear procedures, arrangements and any provisions made by the Trust to ensure the Trust can manage infections effectively. The policy set out the responsibilities of Head of Schools, Local Academy Committee members, managers, all staff, contractors and students. This Policy also provides links to the necessary guidance to enable the Trust to manage infections effectively.

Staff must be aware of this policy, of statutory reporting procedures and of the outside agencies involved in dealing with outbreaks of disease.

Staff should also be particularly aware of the practical procedures to control the spread of communicable diseases.

Staff should also be aware of the school's First Aid and Administration of Medicines Policy which may also be relevant.

Review Procedures

This Policy will be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary. Any amendments required to be made to the policy as a result of a review will be presented to the Local Academy Committee and Trustees for acceptance.

Distribution of copies

Copies of the policy and any amendments will be distributed to: the Head of School; Premises Manager; Chief Operations Officer; School Health and Safety Representative; All Staff; Local Academy Committee members, Trustees and Administration office of each school within the Trust.