

Forres Sandle Manor (Non-Academic) Policy

Policy Title	Epidemics, Pandemics and Norovirus
Policy Lead (Appointment (& Initials))	School Nurse (CS)
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EPIDEMICS, PANDEMICS AND NOROVIRUS

Where there is an identified risk of significant infection to staff or pupils the FSM senior leadership team will meet with the following objectives:

- Safeguarding pupil health and welfare.
- Reducing the spread of infection.
- Minimising disruption.

The SLT will act to:

- Identify signs and symptoms.
- Plan for likely scenarios.
- Communicate effectively with pupils, staff and parents to inform and advise.
- Manage medical intervention (pupil care, increased health education, medication).
- Arrange effective cleaning and hygiene measures.
- Manage staff and pupil absence and curriculum continuation.
- Monitor the national and local situation and **follow Government guidance**.

HYGIENE

Good hygiene is essential to limit transmission of any virus and all pupils are regularly reminded about the use of tissues, their disposal and hand washing. Sanitising gels are situated around the school site and children are encouraged to use these regularly. Respiratory hygiene is of utmost importance. Children and staff are encouraged to wear face masks when walking around the school. Social distancing is also in place.

CLOSURE

FSM will remain open with normal school where possible unless we are required to close. If closure is unavoidable parents will be informed via the website and telephone and asked to collect children. Those children who are unable to travel through illness will be cared for at school until well enough to travel. Those children who are unable to fly home should be collected by a UK guardian.

CURRICULUM

If required to close FSM will provide a continuation of curriculum on the website via remote learning, however this event constitutes a 'force majeure' and any interruption of business will not constitute a breach of contract.

INFORMATION

Advice, information and updates will be available on the FSM website.

SPECIFIC PANDEMICS/EVENTS

This policy is an overarching policy for any event that may occur. If a specific event occurs i.e. Coronavirus, a separate policy will be in place. For specific information regarding the coronavirus, please see the coronavirus risk assessment as well as the specific policy. This is regularly updated by the School Nurse in line with any new guidance from the DFE (Department of Education), the Government, WHO (World Health Organisation) and NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence).