

LONGFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES POLICY

PURPOSE

To educate students, staff, and as far as possible, the members of the school community, about the nature of preventing infection from transmissible diseases.

BROAD GUIDELINES

- To provide all students with education (including prevention education) about transmissible diseases within the context of a comprehensive health education.
- To protect students, staff and members of the school community with infection from transmissible diseases.
- Students will not be discriminated against if they are suffering from actual or inferred transmissible diseases.
- To establish the following to protect both students and staff from discriminatory attitudes and practices on the grounds of actual or inferred transmissible diseases:
 - appropriate education on all issues related to transmissible diseases
 - professional development for staff in this area of the P.D. Framework.
 - appropriate school organisation and welfare oriented practices.

IMPLEMENTATION

The program will:

- Include information about the spread of transmissible diseases and the means of preventing infection, as part of the school's existing Personal Development course (which incorporates all aspects of health education and human relations appropriate to primary age children.)
- Focus on the total person and the promotion of his/her well being.
- Focus on the human body and social forces that shape personal health and well being.
- Develop skills in communication and decision making which lead to responsible action.
- Promote and build upon students' self esteem.
- Encourage students to critically examine and understand their own and other people's values and attitudes.
- Respect the rights of all individuals.
- Result in procedures put in place to safeguard students, staff and the school community health, welfare, safety and privacy in relation to transmissible diseases.
- Allow for teachers who feel uncomfortable in presenting parts of the program to be supported in running it.