

MIAG



# Infectious Diseases Policy

Ratified by Chair of Govs:

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## Policy Statement:

MIAG (Meeting Individual Aspirations & Goals) is committed to ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all learners, staff, and visitors. This policy sets out our approach to preventing, managing, and responding to infectious diseases within the provision. We aim to reduce the risk of transmission, ensure continuity of education, and work in line with statutory guidance.

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## Objectives:

- ✚ To identify, prevent, and manage infectious diseases effectively
  - ✚ To minimise disruption to learning while prioritising health and safety
  - ✚ To comply with legislation including the **Health and Safety at Work Act 1974**, **Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984**, and **Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010**
  - ✚ To follow guidance from the **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)** and local public health teams.
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## Responsibilities:

- ✚ **Directors/Management:** Ensure policies and procedures are in place and reviewed regularly
  - ✚ **Staff:** Follow hygiene procedures, identify symptoms promptly, report concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)/Health Lead
  - ✚ **Parents/Carers:** Inform MIAG immediately of any diagnosis of infectious disease, follow exclusion advice, and work with health professionals
  - ✚ **Learners:** Follow staff guidance on hygiene and attendance rules
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## Prevention & Control Measures:

- ✚ Promote **good hand hygiene** (handwashing with soap and water)
  - ✚ Regular **cleaning and disinfecting** of frequently touched surfaces
  - ✚ Ensure **ventilation** in learning spaces
  - ✚ Encourage learners and staff to stay home if unwell
  - ✚ Provide training and updates for staff on infection control
  - ✚ Maintain an up-to-date **first aid and illness log**
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## Return to Provision:

- ✚ Learners and staff with infectious diseases should remain at home for the recommended quarantine period (see NHS/UKHSA guidance)
  - ✚ A return is permitted once the individual is well and/or the quarantine period has ended
  - ✚ Medical clearance may be required in certain cases
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## List of Common/Notifiable Infectious Diseases:

### A. Notifiable Diseases (must be reported by a doctor to UKHSA):

- ✚ Acute encephalitis
- ✚ Acute meningitis
- ✚ Acute poliomyelitis
- ✚ Anthrax
- ✚ Cholera
- ✚ COVID-19
- ✚ Diphtheria
- ✚ Food poisoning
- ✚ Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
- ✚ Infectious bloody diarrhoea
- ✚ Legionnaires' disease
- ✚ Leprosy
- ✚ Malaria
- ✚ Measles
- ✚ Meningococcal septicaemia
- ✚ Mumps
- ✚ Plague
- ✚ Rabies
- ✚ Rubella
- ✚ SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)
- ✚ Scarlet fever
- ✚ Smallpox
- ✚ Tetanus
- ✚ Tuberculosis (TB)
- ✚ Typhoid and paratyphoid fever
- ✚ Viral haemorrhagic fevers (e.g. Ebola, Lassa)
- ✚ Whooping cough (pertussis)
- ✚ Yellow fever

## B. Common School-Related Infectious Diseases:

- ✚ Chickenpox
  - ✚ Conjunctivitis
  - ✚ Diarrhoea and vomiting (Norovirus, Rotavirus)
  - ✚ Glandular fever
  - ✚ Hand, foot and mouth disease
  - ✚ Head lice and scabies
  - ✚ Hepatitis A and B
  - ✚ Impetigo
  - ✚ Influenza (seasonal flu)
  - ✚ Ringworm
  - ✚ Slapped cheek (Parvovirus B19)
  - ✚ Threadworm
  - ✚ Tonsillitis
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## Reporting and Record-Keeping:

- ✚ All suspected infectious diseases should be logged in MIAG's **Incident/Illness Register**
  - ✚ Confirmed cases of notifiable diseases must be reported by healthcare professionals to UKHSA, but MIAG will cooperate fully with any investigations
  - ✚ Where multiple cases arise (e.g. outbreaks of flu, COVID-19, or norovirus), MIAG will inform the local Health Protection Team
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## Linked Policies:

This policy should be read alongside:

- ✚ Health & Safety Policy
  - ✚ First Aid Policy
  - ✚ Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
  - ✚ Attendance Policy
  - ✚ Risk Assessment Policy
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## Review:

This policy will be reviewed **annually** or earlier if there are significant changes in legislation, government guidance, or following an outbreak at MIAG.