

# Sperrinview Special School

## Policy on Pupils and Staff who are Sick

### Rationale

This policy has been written to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, especially those most vulnerable, and bearing in mind a duty of care to staff.

### Aims

To:

- Ensure pupil and staff health and well-being
- Minimise the risk of sickness and infection spreading throughout the school community
- Ensure that, where possible, staff who are familiar with pupils are available in school

### Roles

The Principal has overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy.

### Organisation

Parents are asked not send pupils to school if they are acutely unwell or infectious.

Staff are asked not to attend school if they are acutely unwell or infectious.

The advice of a GP should be sought regarding suitable periods away from school following certain illnesses and infections.

Pupils and staff should remain out of school for 48 hours after the last time they have experienced vomiting or diarrhoea.

Pupils whose medical condition leads to vomiting and diarrhoea will not be expected to remain at home for 48 hours following bouts of sickness.

If a pupil becomes ill during the school day, parents or carers will be contacted and asked to arrange for the pupil to be taken home.

If appropriate, the pupil will be isolated from other pupils whilst waiting to be collected, to minimise the risk of spreading illness.

## External Support

Parents

School Medical Officer

School Nurse

## Monitoring and Evaluation

The policy will be monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis through consultation with pupils, staff, parents and external support agencies.

## Review

A sub-committee of the Board of Governors will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy as part of a timetabled, on-going process.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_