



GREENFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL POLICY HIV - AIDS

PURPOSE

To Make All Learners and the Community Aware of HIV-AIDS and the Prevention thereof.

THE TERM HIV-AIDS

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a condition that is caused by infection with HIV (Human Immune deficiency Virus). It damages the person's immunity system and diminishes his or her capacity to offer resistance to diseases. AIDS is the final stage of HIV infections. **It is incurable.**

EDUCATION REGARDING HIV-AIDS

- The staff should be informed by skilled people to obtain thorough knowledge regarding AIDS.
- HIV-AIDS (Health and Safety) should be part of the teaching curriculum.
- The community should also be conversant of how to behave towards HIV positive people.
- HIV- AIDS information can be obtained from the Department of Health or local medical practitioners.
- We will ensure that our environment is kept hygienic.

ADMISSION OF LEARNERS WHO ARE HIV POSITIVE OR HAVE AIDS

- If learners disclose the fact that they are HIV positive when they apply must be allowed at the school.
- No discrimination can be held against learners who are HIV positive.
- Should learners disclose that they are HIV positive they cannot be suspended.
- All information is strictly confidential and learners do not have to disclose their HIV-AIDS status.
- Maximum confidentiality must be maintained and an agreement will be entered into with the parents that the school will not disclose any information directly or indirectly to any individual or group without the parents or learners consent.

BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE

- If the HIV status of learner is known everyone should be empathetic to him or her.
- HIV positive people may not be called names regarding their disease, if it has been disclosed.
- It is the responsibility of every individual to ensure that there are no bleeding wounds or sores on his or her body.
- If any bleeding is caused by an injury at school, the injured should be treated as an HIV positive person.
- Educators tasked to treat injuries should protect themselves with gloves taken from the first aid case to treat all wounds that occur at school. After treatment gloves must be destroyed.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OR TRANSFER OF DISEASES AT SCHOOL

Precautionary measures must be taken by any person who gets into contact with the bodily fluids of another person, as it is impossible to know who has AIDS or any other diseases that are carried in the bodily fluids, especially in the blood.

The School Should Have:

- Two sets of first aid cases, each containing the following:
 - two pairs of latex gloves (two medium, two large)
 - four pairs of domestic gloves (two medium, two large)
 - material (e.g. bandages or gauze) to cover wounds and cuts or grazes, water tight plaster, disinfectant (e.g. domestic bleach), scissors, cotton wool, tape to keep wound covering in place, tissue paper
 - a mouth piece for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation
 - a container to fetch water in
 - if there is no running water at the school, a 25 litre drum filled with clean water, which is available at all times in case of emergencies
 - antiseptic cream, muscle ointment, smelling salts, etc.
- All cases that are treated should be recorded in a first aid file.
- Nobody should have direct contact with anybody else's blood or bodily fluids – gloves or plastic shopping bags should be used.
- Any bleeding should be stopped as soon as possible. A cloth or towel should be used to apply pressure directly to the wound.
- Wounds should be cleaned with disinfectant and all wounds, sores, grazes or any other broken skin should at all times be kept covered.
- In cases of exposure to somebody else's blood or of exposure during injury the skin should be cleaned with running or clean water, then be cleaned with disinfectant or diluted with domestic bleach.
- Bloody surfaces, should be cleaned with diluted bleach; bloody bandages and cloths should be sealed in a plastic bag and be burned; instruments and implements should be washed, soaked in bleach and dried.
- All females must be familiar as to the safe disposal of sanitary towels and tampons so that other persons cannot be exposed to them.

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This Policy Has Been Accepted and Adopted

Principal: _____

SGB Chairperson: _____

Place: _____

Date: _____