CROSS-INFECTION MANAGEMENT CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS

STUDENT WITH CF ↔ OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBER WITH CF (PARENT/SIBLING/VOLUNTEER ETC)

People with cystic fibrosis (CF) should maintain a distance of at least 4 metres, particularly indoors, to reduce the risk of sharing harmful germs and bacteria, known as cross-infection. Where more than one person with CF is part of the school community, schools and relevant individuals should work through this checklist and identify ways to manage potential cross-infection risks at school.

Consider how the 4-metre guideline can be maintained across different school settings and activities, with advice from the student's CF care team where required. Alongside these measures, access to good hand hygiene remains important to minimise infection and cross-infection risks.

Areas to Consider Cross-Infection Risk

- [ ] Classroom allocations to avoid contact between individuals with CF.
- [ ] Assemblies, performances, sports carnivals and other large school events.
- [ ] Fundraising/P&C events.
- [ ] Events or classroom activities with parent helpers or volunteers.
- [ ] School and classroom drop off/pick up areas.

Whole School Considerations

- [ ] Provide CF and cross-infection education for school staff.
- [ ] Document responsibilities and communication processes for all parties.
- [ ] Ensure access to hand hygiene for all staff, students and volunteers/visitors.
- [ ] Ensure regular cleaning of the school, particularly in shared areas.
- [ ] Review checklist annually.
- [ ] Awareness between all parties is encouraged, with privacy and confidentiality respected.

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