



# R H E N I S H

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## POLICY: HIV/AIDS

**HIV** - *Human Immunodeficiency Virus*  
**AIDS** – *Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*

Rhenish Primary School endorses the National Aids Policy on HIV/AIDS for learners and educators in public schools (Government Gazette no. 20372, Notice 1926 of 1999).

A summary of issues most relevant to Rhenish Primary School are listed below:

### **A. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUALITY WITH REGARD TO LEARNERS OR EDUCATORS WITH HIV/AIDS**

- No learner or educator will be compelled to disclose his/her HIV/AIDS status to Rhenish Primary School. Voluntary disclosure should be welcomed, but confidentiality must be ensured. No discrimination will be tolerated.
- Parents who have children with HIV/AIDS infection, and who participate in sports of a physical contact nature, are encouraged to disclose the child's status to the Principal.
- No learner or educator may be discriminated against with regards to admission or appointment on account of his or her HIV/AIDS status.
- The needs of learners with HIV/AIDS should as far as possible as is reasonably practical, given limited medical resources, be accommodated.

### **B. EDUCATION**

- Learners will be educated about HIV/AIDS – the facts, the transmission, and prevention.
- The Grade 6 group should invite specialists in the field of sex education to further educate the learners.
- Learners will be educated about how to behave towards a person with HIV/AIDS.
- Learners will be educated and taught according to the National Curriculum Statements as handed down by the Department of



- Education, in the learning area **Life Orientation/Life Skills**. Incidental teaching on HIV/AIDS is strongly encouraged.
- Professional counselling can be arranged.
- Educators are encouraged to educate themselves with regards to HIV/AIDS, by attending courses on the topic. Rhenish Primary School will seek opportunities for educators to attend refresher courses.

### **C A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

- All blood – large spills, old blood, bleeding wounds, sores, grazes, blood stains, should be handled with due caution.
- Skin exposed to blood should be washed immediately with soap and running water.
- Disposable bags or sanitary bins must be available to dispose of sanitary wear.
- Latex gloves should be worn for management of bleeding or when in contact with blood or any body fluid.
- Any surface contaminated with bodily fluids must be handled with caution (use running water and bleach if possible, also when cleaning sharp instruments, eg, scissors, needles etc)
- All blood-soiled material should be sealed in plastic bags and be disposed of correctly and safely.
- All educators should have a pair of latex gloves available to them at all times.
- First-aid kits must be kept in strategic places in the school and should be accessible to all personnel.
- Sports matches should have adequate first aid and personnel.
- No contact sport should be permitted if any participant has an open wound.
- Players with open wounds or bleeding must be removed from the sports field until they have been treated and the bleeding must be stopped before they return.

*This policy has been adopted:*

At Rhenish Primary School

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Governing Body Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_