

School Health and Hygiene

The Head Teacher is responsible for the health and safety of students and staff at school, in the following areas:

- School cleanliness and rubbish removal;
- Provision of basic sanitation and hygiene needs;
- Removal of disease and injury hazards;
- Health education, including personal hygiene.

Detailed guidelines for the school operation can be found in the Appendix in the procedure “School Hygiene”.

A new program is underway in schools called “Health Promoting Schools”, a joint program of the Ministries of Health and Education. This has programs which cover six areas:

1. School Health Policy
2. School Social Environment
3. School Physical Environment
4. Community Relationship
5. Personal Health Skills
6. Health Services

More detail is shown in the Appendix, in the “Health Promoting Schools Concepts” section. This lists checkpoints for schools to follow to ensure action is taken in all the areas necessary.