ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

LAUNDRY SERVICE POLICY

2026-2027

POLICY ON LAUNDRY SERVICES

1. General information:

Laundry in a school healthcare facility may include bed sheets and blankets, pillowcases, towels, window curtains.

Disease transmission attributed to school clinic laundry involves contaminated fabrics that are handled inappropriately, presumably have been transmitted from contaminated textile and fabric to workers via direct contact or aerosols of contaminated lint generated from sorting and handling contaminated textile.



Contaminated textile and fabric often contain high numbers of microorganisms from body substances, including blood, skin, stool, urine, vomitus, and other body tissues and fluids.

2. Process:

i. The laundry services for school medical clinic are arranged from a licensed, reputed off-site commercial laundry.

ii. The laundry process starts with the removal of used or contaminated textile, fabric, and/or clothing from the school clinic.

iii. Sorting laundry before washing allows for customization of laundry formulas with types of soils encountered.

iv. Collecting and handling the soiled laundry and storing the washed items are carried out separately within the school medical clinic.

v. Nurses and laundry collecting workers should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g.: gloves and protective garments) while sorting and handling fabric and textile.

vi. General dirty linen will be kept in a separate bin covered with a laundry bag for the laundry workers to collect weekly or when required. Bag should not fill to the top and allow space to tie securely.

vii. Contaminated textile and fabric are placed into clinical hazardous waste bags (yellow colour) and then securely tied labeled. Bags containing contaminated laundry must be clearly identified with labels and color-coding. Leaked proofed contaminated linen placed in the same laundry bin or kept separately in the clinical waste collection room depending on the level and type of contamination.

viii. In case of contamination, laundry service will be called to collect the contaminated linen on the same day.

ix. School nurses will receive the clean linen from the laundry and store separately to ensure their cleanliness until use.

Details of the off-site laundry chosen for Year 2026/ 2027:

Laundry in charge in school: **Mr. Threzley Mascarenhas**

Name of the off-site laundry:

Contact person in the laundry:

Reference:

1. https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/background/laundry.html



Review Date:	**August 2026**
Next Review Date:	**June 2027**