

## Health protection policy

Al Furqaan will ensure that all pupils, staff and users of the school are safeguarded against infections from clinical waste and that the correct procedure for the disposal of such waste is observed.

The management team and head teacher will jointly ensure proper provision is in place to facilitate the correct disposal and handling of clinical waste.

### **What is Clinical Waste?**

Clinical waste includes the following:

1. Any waste which consists wholly or partly of human or animal tissue, blood or body fluids or excretions.
2. Drugs or other pharmaceutical products.
3. Swabs or dressings.
4. Syringes, needles or other sharp instruments.

### **Guidelines when handling clinical waste:**

- Wear disposable gloves when dealing with spillages of body fluids and beware of broken glass or other sharp objects.
- Use powdered forms of bleach when possible as they are easier to store and use. This may be sprinkled on the spillage, absorbing and solidifying it. Once the spillage has solidified, the mixture can be cleaned up using a disposable cloth.
- Use a solution of ordinary household bleach, freshly diluted (one part to 10 of cold water) and gently pour it over the spillage.
- Wipe up the spillage with disposable paper towels.
- Dispose of towels/ cloths/swabs as clinical waste using the sanitary bins.
- Ensure that all equipment used, such as shovels, brush and pan etc. are thoroughly cleaned with diluted bleach, and then washed in detergent and rinsed before return to use.
- Disposable gloves should be discarded as clinical waste in sanitary bins.
- Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Do not use mops to clean up spillages of blood or body fluids.
- Staff and pupils must dispose of sanitary towels in sanitary bins provided.