

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PRE-SCHOOL INC.



IMMUNISATION POLICY

GOAL: The centre will minimise risks, complications and the spread of vaccine preventable diseases, by encouraging children and children's centre staff members to have up to date immunisation in accordance with the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule, and keeping an up to date register of children's immunisation.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION / LINKS:

ACT: Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) 2010 Act: Sections 87, 92, 93, 160, 177, 181, **Work Health & Safety Act 2011, Public Health Act 2010**

REGULATIONS: Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: 77, Work Health & Safety Regulations 2012,

NQS: 2.1, 2.2, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1

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Immunisation Requirements

In accordance with the Public Health Act 2010, families will provide current information about their child's immunisation upon enrolment at the Pre-School. It must be up to date prior to enrolment. Confirmation of immunisation can be by a letter from the child's doctor, baby health clinic or nurse, local council or hospital, the Personal Health Record or the ACIR (Australian Childhood Immunisation Register) 'History Statement'

In accordance with the NSW Department of Health Regulations, an Immunisation Register will contain a separate record for each child enrolled at the centre. The Register will be retained at the centre until termination of enrolment. When a child receives further immunisations while in attendance of the centre, the Nominated Supervisor must be informed and provided with the appropriate documentation.

Homeopathic immunisation has not been proven to give protection against infectious diseases. Only conventional immunisation produces a measurable immune response, and homeopathic immunisation is not recommended as an alternative to conventional immunisation. Children who have only received homeopathic immunisation are considered not to be protected against vaccine preventable diseases and they are not considered immunised for the purposes of the Public Health Act 2010 (from *The Australian Immunisation Handbook*, 8th edition, NHMRC, 2003).

The following vaccine preventable diseases must be reported to the Public Health Unit of NSW Health and will result in the exclusion of a child who is not immunised:

Diphtheria	Measles	Poliomyelitis
Haemophilus influenza	Meningococcal disease	Rotavirus
Hepatitis A	Mumps	Rubella
Hepatitis B	Pertussis	Tetanus
Influenza	Pneumococcal Disease	Varicella and Zoster

The Immunisation Register will be reviewed periodically and written reminders will be included in each termly centre newsletter to update centre records.

The centre will inform families via a notice in the sign in / out folder in each classroom, of the presence of an infectious disease in the centre (excepting HIV / AIDS), in a manner which is not prejudicial to individual rights.

Following is the National Immunisation Program Schedule as documented by the Australian Government Department of Health

These records will be kept for three years after the child leaves the service.