

2.21 IMMUNISATION PROCEDURE POLICY

INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The school will minimise risks, complications and the spread of vaccine preventable diseases, by encouraging children and staff to have up to date immunisation in accordance with the Australian Standard Vaccine Schedule, and the NSW Department of Health, and in keeping an up-to-date register of children's immunisation.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under amendments to the Public Health Bill 2010, from 1 January 2018, parents must provide a copy of one or more of the following documents to enrol in a childcare centre:
 - an AIR Immunisation History Statement which shows that the child is up to date with their scheduled vaccinations or
 - an AIR Immunisation History Form on which the immunisation provider has certified that the child is on a recognised catch-up schedule (temporary for 6 months only) or
 - an AIR Immunisation Medical Exemption Form which has been certified by a GP.

No other form of documentation is acceptable (i.e. the interim vaccination objection form or blue book). The documents must be stored by the director in a secure location for 3 years, unless a child transfers to another childcare centre or preschool.

Enrolment at Lindfield Montessori School cannot commence unless the mandatory documentation is received.

Parents must supply one of the above approved documents showing the child's immunisation record (i.e. Immunisation History Statement) and this must be sighted and copied prior to a child's commencement with the School (as per the Public Health Amendment Act 1992).

Should there be an outbreak of any disease listed below, any child who has not been immunised will be excluded from the school for the period specified by Children's Services Health and Safety.

Your local council can provide information on location of immunisation clinics.

Immunisation schedules are obtainable from the Health Department, all Local Councils and Health Centres.

Diseases prevented by immunisation are:

- Diphtheria
- Haemophilias Influenza Type B (HIB)
- Measles
- Meningococcal C
- Mumps
- Pertussis (Whooping cough)
- Poliomyelitis
- Rubella
- Tetanus

In the event of an outbreak, non-immunised children will be required to withdraw from school for the duration of the outbreak.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

The school must sight and keep a copy of the approved immunisation documentation for each child.

The school must maintain an Immunisation Register, showing the immunisation status of all children currently enrolled.

The School must notify Public Health immediately should any student contract a vaccine-preventable disease. Students not vaccinated will then be notified and are required to be excluded from the School until the quarantine period has expired.

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| Relevant Legislation | Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011. Reg. 88 Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010 Section 167 |
| Related to NQS QA | 2.1.2, 6 |
| Related Policies | Infectious Diseases |
| Sources & Further Reading | |

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