Immunisation Policy

Quality Area 2: Children’s health and safety

Standard 2.1 Each child’s health is promoted.
Standard 2.2 Healthy eating and physical activity are embedded in the program for children.
Standard 2.3 Each child is protected.

Immunisation helps to reduce the incidence of childhood infectious diseases now and in the future. Upon enrolment the child’s original ‘Blue Book’ will be sighted by an Educator to ensure that their immunisation is up to date. Original immunisation history register will also be accepted.

- Upon enrolment, all families will be required to provide a copy of their child’s immunisation details to the Service’s management.
- The service will distribute reminders quarterly to those families reminding them to keep the Service’s records of their child’s immunisation status current.
- Any child who is not immunised must be kept away from the Centre if and when an outbreak of an immunise-able infectious disease occurs to protect that child and to prevent further spread of infection. In the instance of the child being immunised and the Blue Book immunisation record not provided to the Centre – the child would be viewed as not being immunised.
- Families who do not have their child immunised, or have out-of-date immunisation records, may not be entitled to Child Care Benefit, or may have their benefit cancelled. This is not a decision made by the Service.
- All staff members are encouraged to keep up to date with their immunisations. The Centre requires a declaration from staff members on their immunisation status and will be treated the same way as a child who is not immunised if an infectious disease is detected within the Centre. A list of immunisations is displayed in the staff room for reference.
- Management will maintain a current record of vaccination status of all employees. All information will be kept confidential.
- Current information will be provided to employees and families on vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Staff members who fall pregnant are advised to visit their GP immediately and have a test for Cytomegalovirus (CMV) to check their immunity. Any pregnant staff member who is at a heightened risk will be require not to change nappies and double glove when coming into contact with any body fluids, especially saliva.
- Employees will:
  - Actively seek immunisation for all diseases currently on the vaccination schedule if not already immunised or unsure of status.
  - Maintain current immunisation status.
- Families will be reminded of this policy on enrolment and throughout the year, a minimum of 4 times.
This policy was made with consideration to ‘Staying Healthy in Childcare’ Forth Edition Highlighted Exclusion Section

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