



SA Montessori Pre-schools Policies

Immunisation Policy

Statement

SA Montessori Pre-schools aim to uphold its obligation under the laws of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Division 2, Section 19, Subsection 3 (A) to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees, children and visitors attending the centres.

Rationale

SA Montessori Pre-school Centres will not enrol children without proof of immunisation in accordance with the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule.

Procedures

- Children who are not immunised may place themselves and other members of the centre at risk through the possible introduction of an infectious disease. SA Montessori Pre-schools therefore applies the following policy to minimise the risk of communicable disease by attempting to ensure that all children enrolled at its centres are immunised. Homeopathic vaccination is not accepted.
- The Immunisation policy is effective from 1st July 2003. Families with children enrolled at the centre prior to the introduction of this policy are exempt from its limitation.
- At enrolment, parents will need to provide vaccination records from Medicare as evidence of full and current immunisation status. Where this is not accessible, alternative sources of evidence may be considered if accompanied by verification from a qualified medical practitioner. The following link contains instructions on how to obtain Medicare records: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/medicare/getting-your-immunisation-history-statement-using-your-medicare-online-account>
- Parents will need to update the Preschool with evidence of any immunisations completed after enrolment.
- Once enrolled, if a child does not continue with the immunisation program for any reason (including, but not limited to, health exemption or conscientious objection) parents will be required to remove their child from the service. The forfeiture of enrolment may be effective immediately and the centre is not required to provide the parents with a notice period.
- The services will make available to families and staff information on immunisation schedules and clinics. Where possible and applicable, information will be made available in languages other than English.
- Where appropriate the centre will invite health care professionals to address parents and staff on immunisation and health matters

Linkage to other policies

Confidentiality Policy

Sourcing

Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th Edition
National Health and Medical Research Council
Work Health & Safety Act 2012