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Immunisation Requirements

Dear Parents/Guardians.

You may be aware that from 1 January 2016 a new Queensland law relating to immunisation came into effect. Under this new law, approved early childhood education and care services can cancel, refuse or place a condition on enrolment or attendance of children whose immunisations are not up to date

You may also be aware the Australian Government's No Jab No Pay law came into effect from 1 January 2016. Under this new law, if your child is not fully immunised it will affect your family assistance payments. The Australian Government law is separate from the Queensland law.

Under the Queensland law, approved early childhood education and care services can, at their discretion, allow children whose immunisation status is not up to date to attend. Whilst this is acceptable under the Queensland law, you should be aware that, under the Australian Government law, family assistance payments will be affected. It is recommended parents seek further information on how the Australian Government's No Jab No Pay law will affect their own circumstances at www.humanservices.gov.au

(search for immunising your children).

The statement can be obtained from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) at any time free of charge:

- through Medicare Online Services at www.humanservices.gov.au (view, download And print statement instantaneously)
- through the Medicare Express Plus App on a smartphone (download app for free From Google play or iTunes stores) (view and email statement instantaneously, you will need a Gmail account)
- by emailing acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au supplying the child's full name, date of Birth and Medicare number (may take up to 7 business days)
- by calling ACIR on 1800 653 809 (may take up to 7 business days)
- in person at a local Medicare Service Centre to find your nearest centre, visit http://humanservices.findnearest.com.au (receive hard copy instantaneously).

It is important to keep your child immunisation status up to date at all times. By doing this, you provide the best protection against serious and life threatening vaccine preventable diseases, and you don't have to worry about missing out on family assistance payments or limiting enrolment or attendance under Queensland's immunisation law.

Queensland Health has developed a smart phone app specifically for parents to keep a record of their child's immunisation history. The VacciDate app also reminds you when vaccinations and appointments are due.

VacciDate is free and available to download from Google Play and iTunes stores.

As per the new **Queensland law** you have to provide us with a statement of your child/children Immunisation Status. Please attach this Statement to your Enrolment Form.

Thank you for your cooperation. Yours sincerely,

Jarika Venzara (Director)

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