UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

Early Childhood Learning Centre

Immunisation Policy

Category: Health and Safety

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The purpose of the Immunisation Register is to exclude children who are not immunised after being exposed to a vaccine preventable disease.

- Suitable proof of immunisation must be sighted at the Centre on enrolment or at age 15 months if they enrol before 15 months. In addition, we request parents to provide updated information in the form of immunisation certificates or a doctor's notes at other times concurrent with the National Immunisation schedule.
- 2. The Head Teacher is responsible for transferring information from the certificate onto the Centre's immunisation register.
- 3. Full immunisation is not a pre-requisite for enrolment at the Centre.
- 4. Should there be an outbreak of an infectious disease that is part of the National Immunisation Schedule, those children who have not received that particular vaccination will be required to stay at home until advised that they are able to return. The length of time at home will be disease-dependent. Partially immunised children could be advised to receive additional shots to maximise immunity to a disease and may have a short stand down period to avoid possible infection.
- 5. Where no immunisation records are provided to the Centre, it will be assumed the child has not received immunisation in which case point 4 will apply.
- 6. The Immunisation Register will be presented to the Medical Officer of Health or an authorised representative upon request in the event of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease.

7.	The Centre maintains strict confidentiality of information recorded on the Immunisation Register. Parents or guardian are allowed to request or view information related to their own child(ren) only.