

# Immunisation Policy

## **Purpose of this policy**

This document is to inform parents of Samford C&K Kindergarten's ("Samford Kindy") position in relation to immunisation. The aim of this policy is to help protect our kindergarten children and the following vulnerable groups from vaccine preventable diseases whilst attending Samford Kindy:

- babies and children who are too young to be completely immunised; and
- those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons.

## **Background**

The Queensland government encourages immunisation but immunisation is not mandated. For information on immunisation, see the Queensland Health website<sup>1</sup>.

Prevention and control of infectious diseases relies on families, individuals and the Public Health system all working together.

Samford Kindy takes a 'Duty of Care' approach to the overall health and well being of families who attend our centre, meaning that we do our best to create a safe and healthy environment for all who attend.

## **Policy statement**

Enrolments for the year 2018 and onwards, Samford Kindy will not accept enrolment for a child whose immunisations are not up to date, according to the Queensland Health guidelines<sup>2</sup>.

The year 2018 and onwards, Samford Kindy will accept children onto the waitlist without immunisations being up to date, but reserves the right to refuse enrolment if the child remains without an up to date immunisation statement as at the date of positions being offered.

## **Supporting documentation**

A child's immunisation history statement is to be included with the application form and an updated statement is to be provided upon acceptance of enrolment.

If a child is only 3 at the commencement of their enrolment, a further statement of immunisation must be provided within a month of a child turning 4. If this is not provided, Samford Kindy reserves the right to cancel the child's enrolment.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/immunisation/benefits/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://vaccinate.initiatives.qld.gov.au/schedule/>

### **Exemptions**

Children who cannot be immunised for medical reasons and whose parent or guardian provides medical documentation to support this, are exempt from this policy and may be granted enrolment despite not being immunised.

### **Definitions**

***Immunisation:*** is the process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically by administration of vaccine. Vaccines stimulate the body's own immune system to protect the person against subsequent infection or disease.

***Vaccine:*** Is a substance containing a virus or bacterium in a form that is not harmful, given to a person or animal to prevent them from getting the disease that the virus or bacterium causes.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding our Immunisation Policy please contact the Samford Kindergarten Management Committee on:

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