

## **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 approved records that they are 'up to date' according to the Australian Immunisation Register, as per 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.
- Parents will need to provide an approved immunisation record from the Australian Immunisation Register (accessible via Medicare) as evidence of the child's 'up to date' immunisation status.
- A current approved immunisation record needs to be supplied:
  - *at the time of the child's enrolment;*
  - *after the child turns 7 months of age but before the child turns 9 months of age;*
  - *after the child turns 13 months of age but before the child turns 15 months of age;*
  - *after the child turns 19 months of age but before the child turns 21 months of age;*
  - *after the child turns 4 years and 2 months of age but before the child turns 4 years and 8 months of age.*
- Where a child is on an 'approved catch up schedule', enrolment is not guaranteed until they are 'up to date'. Families may lodge a request that will be considered by centre owners to commence enrolment during the 'approved catch up schedule' depending on the timeframe and circumstances.
- Once enrolled, if a child does not remain up to date 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 10<sup>th</sup> Edition

National Health and Medical Research Council

Work Health & Safety Act 2012

SA Health

**Development date**

26/01/06

***Approved by Barbara Langford*****SA Montessori Pre-school centres include:**

Jescott Montessori Pre-school

Cedars Montessori Pre-school

Lilliput Village Montessori

Chancery Lane Montessori Pre-school

Rosemont House Montessori

Little Oxford Montessori

Echoes Montessori

**Review history:**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Policy satisfactory</b> | <b>Policy amended</b> | <b>Comments</b>   | <b>Next review due:</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 26/6/10     | √                          |                       |   | 6/11                    |
| 26/5/11     | √                          |                       |   | 6/12                    |
| 10/4/12     |                            | √                     | Reviewed and changed from JSC Montessori Pre-schools to SA Montessori Pre-schools   | 4/13                    |
| 8/4/13      |                            | √                     | Add to source:<br>Australian Immunisation Handbook 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition   | 4/14                    |
| 3/4/14      |                            | √                     |   | 4/15                    |
| 2/4/15      |                            | √                     | Add new centres to SA Montessori listing  | 4/16                    |
| 4/4/16      |                            | √                     | Amend reference to Work Health & Safety Act 2012  | 4/17                    |
| 21/4/16     |                            | √                     | Amended new centre name. Removed Montessori On The Park & Montessori From The Start. Changed to Rosemont House Montessori   | 4/17                    |
| 18/4/17     | √                          |                       |   | 4/18                    |
| 26/4/18     |                            | √                     | Amended the name Babthorpe Montessori Preschool to reflect the new centre's name being Lilliput Village Montessori.   | 4/19                    |
| 5/4/19      |                            | √                     | Added new centre, Little Oxford Montessori, to SA Montessori listing  | 4/20                    |
| 28/2/20     | √                          |                       |   | 4/21                    |
| 15/7/21     |                            | √                     | Added new centre, Echoes Montessori, to SA Montessori listing   | 4/22                    |
| 20/6/22     | √                          |                       | Removed wording: "Families with children enrolled at the centre prior to the introduction of this policy are exempt from its limitation"<br>Added requirements as per Australian Immunisation Register<br>Added intervals that records must be provided<br>Included requirements for when a child is on an 'approved catch up schedule'<br>Added wording to specify that if a child does not remain up to date with the immunisation program for any reason parents will be required to remove their child from the service with possible immediate forfeiture of enrolment and no required notice period | 4/23                    |